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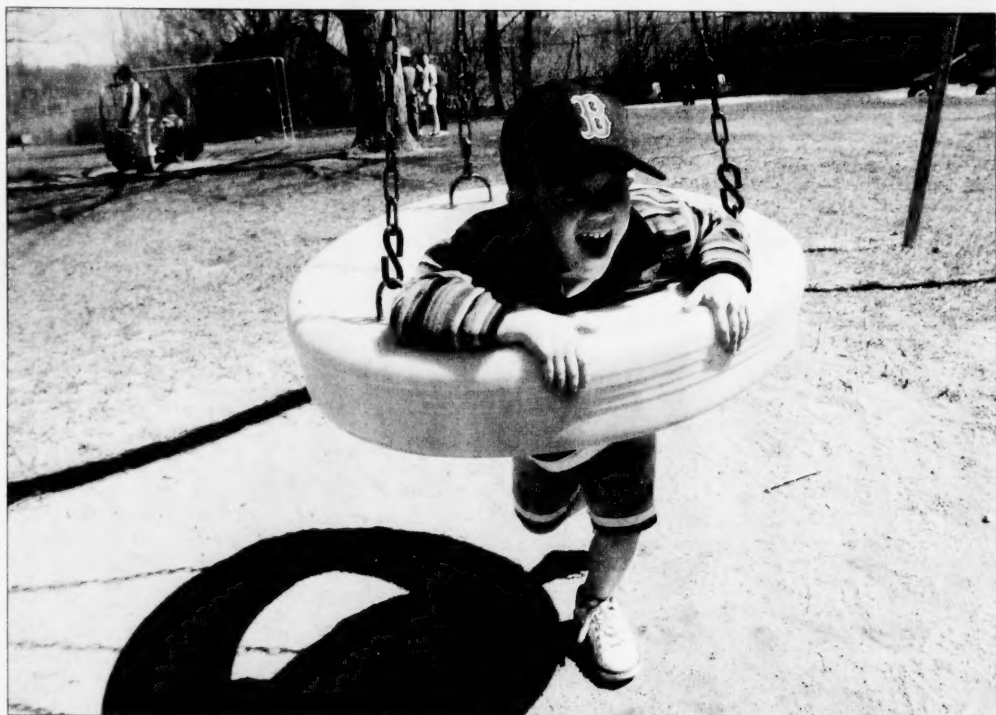


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Spring finally arrived this week, with warm weather through Patriots Day weekend. Whether it was the weather or the Sox success against the Yankees, by Tuesday, Ryan Finneran, 3½, seemed to be enjoying himself while playing on a tire swing in the Ballardvale playground.

No jail time for former officer

5 years probation; agrees to never hold public-safety job

By Ben Hellman

When former Andover Police Officer Randy Peterson was charged with forging prescriptions, Andover community members – including a nun, a nurse and a kindergarten teacher – stepped forward to vouch for his character.

Peterson's fellow police officers did not, concerned about how such an action would reflect on the department. After all, Peterson was an officer and broke the law, said Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

Peterson admitted in court last week that he had forged 22 prescriptions for the painkiller Percocet to help his wife, who suffers from an illness causing chronic pain. As part of a plea agreement, Peterson agreed to never seek employment in law enforcement again, and was placed on a 5-year probation without jail time. His lawyer, Randy Chapman, said Peterson has lost more than \$1 million in town retirement benefits.

Peterson was asked to comment on the trial and tell his story, but has not responded.

Lawrence District Court received nine letters pleading for



PHOTO BY JIM PATTEN

PLEA — Randy Peterson with his lawyer, Randy Chapman, in Lawrence court.

leniency in Peterson's case. Peterson and his family were active in the community and at St. Augustine School, where his wife was a teaching aide for 10 years.

Eileen Peterson suffers from esophageal gastroenteritis, a condition that interrupts digestion, and caused her to weigh only 75 pounds. Her chronic condition is debilitating and required the use of an analgesic, wrote her doctor, Daniel Coleman of Holy Family Hospital.

But the circumstances do not excuse the crime, said Chief Pat-

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Judge: Employees' health insurance cannot be threatened. Town must pay 65 percent.

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TOWN MEETING

Voters hold million-dollar choices in hands

Fate of senior center, tax increase, school budget, front lawns to be decided

By Neil Fater

Next Monday, a small group of people will decide whether and how to spend more than \$110 million of Andover residents' money. The group? Residents who decide to attend Town Meeting.

Andover's annual demonstration of direct democracy, Town Meeting, will begin next Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road. If more time is needed, Town Meeting will continue the next Monday, May 3, at the Collins Center.

Town Meeting voters will decide many articles affecting the future makeup of the town. Chief among them is whether to spend \$350,000 to design a new senior center, to be built just south of Doherty Middle School. (See story, page 9.) Voters will also decide whether to restrict parking for new multi-family homes to the backyards or sideyards of lots. The intent of the article is to prevent developers from paving front yards to provide parking in the Single Residence A zone.

Budget

One of the first issues residents will address is whether to approve an approximately \$114 million budget. The majority of the selectmen and Finance Committee have recommended approval of it, and it offers more money to the schools than the town manager recommended. The increase to the school department budget is 3.6 percent, and school officials say the increase satisfies three primary needs. It maintains educational services, covers increases in special-education spending and hires 14 teachers to meet the state mandate on learning time for Andover High School students.

But there are concerns about the budget. The Finance Committee itself writes in its report,



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Sewer workers dig into the ground on Alderbrook Road, as part of the largest sewer expansion in Andover's history. The town is seeking \$1.25 million more to complete the effort.

"There are significant risks in many of the assumptions supporting the budget numbers."

The budget does not contain any money for town employees' salary increases. The town is negotiating with several unions, and money for employees' raises would need to come out of a reserve fund. Having too little money in such funds could lead to a lower bond rating, meaning the town might have to pay higher interest rates when borrowing money. Currently, Andover has the best rating possible, allowing it to save significant amounts as it pays off debt.

Worried that approving the

recommended budget will force an override vote next year or in 2006, Selectman Brian Major plans to take the floor to argue against it. (See budget story, page 9.)

Electing the town manager

Other articles of interest include one by Larry Bruce, of Chandler Road, who wants to make the town manager's position an elected one. New managers would be elected at Town Meeting. It would take only 100 signatures to call for an election to fire a manager. (See story, page 9.)

Projects

Among the spending ques-

tions to be answered are:

- Should it allow \$1.25 million more to be spent to finish the sewer expansion project? The expense will be paid through betterments, and fees to sewer users. Betterments will cover two-thirds of the cost. (See story, page 10.)

- Should the town buy a new heating and cooling system for the Collins Center? (See story, page 9.)

- Should Andover replace a rusting fire truck at a cost of \$600,000? (See story, page 11.)

- Should it redesign a section of High Plain Road for \$900,000? (See story, page 11.)
- Should it spend \$900,000 to install newer water meters in homes and businesses?

In total, there are 52 articles to be discussed, although some – such as an effort to eliminate the Ballardvale Historic District – might be withdrawn, based on comments by their drafters. (See story, page 12.)

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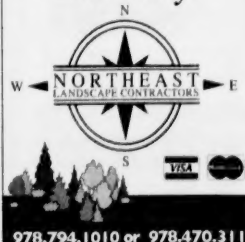


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Town must pay 65% of employees health costs

Court order to withdraw issue from Town Meeting

By Andrea Gregory

Andover has lost a legal battle few officials really wanted to win.

A judge has ruled the town will not be allowed to pay less than 65 percent of employees' health insurance. He has ordered that a Town Meeting article addressing this issue be withdrawn.

For more than 20 years, the town has assumed 65 percent of the insurance costs for town employees on the indemnity health care plan. The town attempted to drop its share to 50 percent after it discovered that Town Meeting had never properly voted to allow officials to pay for more than 50 percent. State law requires that such a vote occur.

At the 1978 Town Meeting, voters approved paying 65 percent only for retirees, according to paperwork. But officials say the intent of the vote was to include all employees. The drafter of the article simply referenced the wrong section of state law.

Finance Director Tony Torrisi said until this came to light, town officials believed they were in compliance, and had no reason to double check a policy that took effect more than 20 years ago.

He said a reference to section 7A of the pertinent law — which dealt with town employees — was left out of the 1978 warrant article. Torrisi said the article

specifically mentions town employees, but references section 9E of the statute, which specifically refers to retirees only.

Despite this technical glitch in the wording of the Town Meeting warrant article, Massachusetts Superior Court Justice Patrick Riley said the intent of Town Meeting stands.

"I think the unions are going to be happy with the ruling, and the town has no reason to be unhappy."

TOWN MANAGER
BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI

"A warrant is not automatically invalid because its drafters failed to include language required by the Legislature," wrote the judge. "Although the 1978 Warrant does refer to section 9E instead of Section 7A, the court finds that the voters would not have been misled by what was obviously an inadvertent misreference by the individuals who drafted the warrant."

Justice Riley states the intent is valid since the article "was not misleading," "did not change the meaning of the statute in any substantial respect" and served the intended purpose of a warrant — to "give notice of time and

place of the meeting and the substance of issues presented."

Riley's decision further goes on to explain once the statute has been accepted, it is irreversible. He ordered the town to withdraw a Town Meeting article that would have given voters another crack at accepting the law.

"I think the unions are going to be happy with the ruling and the town has no reason to be unhappy," said Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo. "I think there was an agreement on the facts. This was never seen as some way to save big dollars. It was an error that was found. That was the official position all along."

Bucuzzo and Torrisi say Andover never adjusted its budget for fiscal year 2005 to reflect paying only 50 percent.

"Everybody's kind of in agreement. I think the results are what we hoped they would be," said Torrisi.

Torrisi said the town has budgeted \$8,325,000 for employee health insurance. About \$800,000 is dedicated to the town's share of indemnity insurance plans.

He said when the town announced its plan to start paying 50 percent, the number of employees on the plan dropped from 79 to 56.

"We're just glad it's done. The judge realized it's the intention the town had 25 years ago,"

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Poor St. Clare Sisters of River Road have filed a lawsuit against the town, with developer AvalonBay, which looks to build an 115-unit complex near the sisters' monastery.

Nuns join AvalonBay suit

NUNS LAWSUIT

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hostage" into allowing AvalonBay to piggy-back onto the agreement meant for the sisters.

"I have to be honest and say I did see this coming. I didn't see it coming from the nuns," said Planning Director Steve Colyer.

On May 20, 2003 about a month after the Town Meeting decision, Sister Therese Marie Lacroix wrote a letter to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski inquiring how the sisters — who were already connected to the sewer line — would be affected in light of the voters' decision.

"We, the Poor Clare Nuns, are concerned about our right to use the sewage tie-in for our Monastery at 445 River Road," wrote Sister Lacroix. "It has come to our attention that at the April Town Meeting the PAZ group's article to rescind (the) 1997 Sewage Agreement with the Town of Andover was passed by a majority vote."

"Could you please explain to us how this article affects our Monastery? Do we still have the legal right to use the sewerage?"

"Please respond to us as soon as possible as we are very concerned. Thank You!"

Colyer said he would have



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The nuns want to ensure their new facility continues to have a legal right to sewer and water connections.

asked the same question and written the same letter if he were in the position of the nuns. He said the town manager's response did not give the nuns an answer.

On April 28, 2003, Stapczynski wrote back.

"Thank you for your letter dated May 20, 2003. As you know, the issue of the approval of a sewer agreement for the property at 460 River Road is part of a lawsuit filed by members of the Committee to Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ) against the Andover Zoning Board of Appeals and the developer of 460 River Road," wrote Stapczynski. "In all likelihood, the vote taken at the April Town Meeting will be taken into account in the Court's determination of the outcome of that lawsuit. That determination

might resolve the issue of rights of the Poor Clare Nuns with regard to the connection of 445 River Road to the Tewksbury sewer system.

"I will let you know when I receive the Court's decision."

"That's 180 degrees off the mark," said Bill McLaughlin, AvalonBay's vice president of development, about Stapczynski's response to the nuns. "It shows their incapability to solve this, short of a lawsuit."

Because the nuns already have sewer connection, the decision to rescind the original agreement that allowed for their connection has an immediate and direct effect on them, said McLaughlin.

"With respect to the nuns, they are the ones who are truly damaged. They certainly have the right to protect their rights, as do we."

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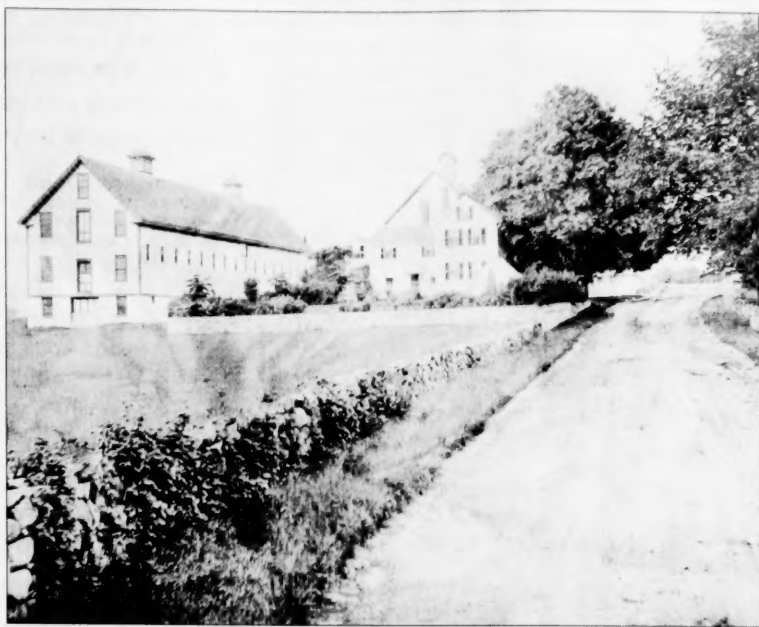
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



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The top photo shows Richardson Farm along Elm Street, before Merrimack College purchased the 70 acres in 1947. If you have an older photo you would like to share with the readers stop by the *Townsmen*, or mail the photo to 33 Chestnut St. Photos must be in a envelope marked "Past and Present" with your name and telephone number and any information about the photograph. Phone numbers will not be published.

No more teachers, no more books: June 23

The last day of school this year will be Wednesday, June 23. The School Committee approved the date, barring any more snow days, or the closing of school for another reason. June 23 will be a half day.

There were three snow days during the 2003-04 school year, which pushed the original final day of school three days deeper into June.

Superintendent Claudia Bach said the June 23 date would allow all grade levels except the high school level to meet the Department of Education's learning-time mandate.

— Ben Hellman

Annual MV Chamber of Commerce dinner

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host its 2004 Annual Dinner on Wednesday, April 28 at DiBurro's Function Hall, 887 Boston Road, Ward Hill, Haverhill.

The chamber will present the Ralph B. Wilkinson Award to Paul A. Miller, and Community Spirit Award to Lawrence General Hospital. The special guest speaker is scheduled to be Attorney General Tom Reilly. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 6:45 p.m. Formal invitations have been mailed. Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

Car wash to benefit teacher's family

The Interact Club of Greater Lawrence Technical School, the high school service arm of the Lawrence Rotary Club, will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the front of the Greater Lawrence Technical School at 57 River Road in Andover. Car washes will cost \$4.

The funds raised from the event will be used to benefit the family of Priscilla Jardine, a Greater Lawrence Technical School teacher who died on Feb. 29 while giving birth to her child.

Correction

A photo caption in the Spring Home and Garden section last week misidentified the sponsor of a recent garden show at West Parish Church. The event was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover.

Quote, unquote . . .

SO MANY PTOs are raising so much money. You don't want your child not to have the cultural enrichment programs the other schools have.

— Martha Hyslip, High Plain Elementary School PTO co-president, about parents paying more for school items. Parents no longer pay for only enrichment programs, but fund items such as playgrounds, and are considering buying furniture for West Middle School. (Story, page 5)

I THINK THEY ARE THE BEST PEOPLE to staff the job.

— Resident Larry Bruce, who wants Town Meeting voters to select new town managers. He has an article to be voted on at Town Meeting. (Story, page 9)

News Calendar

Thursday, April 22

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 26

School Committee, Andover High School Field House, 6 p.m.

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Andover High School, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Andover High School Media Center, room 270, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

School Committee, Andover High School Field House, 6 p.m.

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Andover High School, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Andover High School Media Center, room 270, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28

Board of Assessors, assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 29

Board of Health, Town Offices, third floor, 6-9 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearing on Mulberry Daycare, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

School Committee, retreat, noon

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

Zoning Board, Memorial Hall Library, The Hall, 7 p.m.

Early education focus for Tucker

Sen. Susan Tucker last week joined efforts to celebrate the Week of the Young Child by co-sponsoring a resolution that recognizes the Week and "urges all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our state."

A gubernatorial proclamation was also presented officially designating this week, April 18 to 24 as the Week of the Young Child in Massachusetts.

The Week of the Young Child, first established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children

(NAEYC) in 1971, highlights the importance of families, early childhood professionals, and communities working together to support children's healthy development and early learning.

"The Week of the Young Child helps to raise awareness about the importance of high-quality early education to our children, as well as to the economic future of our state," said Tucker, of Andover. "I am happy to take part in these efforts and show my support for the education needs of our young children."

Crafts in Park coming

The 29th annual Andover Crafts in the Park will be held on Saturday, May 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine) in the Park at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, one block off Main Street in the center of Andover. It is sponsored by the Andover chapter of the American Field Service (AFS) and is free. All proceeds are used to provide support to participants in the exchange program. This juried show features the work of more than 100 crafters, many of whom are local.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, April 15 - At 11:17 a.m., Vincent Fragola, 45, of 6 Camden St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, providing a false name or address to police, driving an uninspected motor vehicle and driving an unregistered motor vehicle and on a warrant for other motor-vehicle offenses.

Friday, April 16 - At 11:26 a.m., William Ceurevels, 39, of 20 Cogswell Road, Essex, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and possessing marijuana.

At 4:37 p.m., Michael Arserio, 33, of 730 Skyline Drive, Dracut, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Monday, April 19 - At 10:56 p.m., Rory Linn, 18, of 57 Stevens St., was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace.

Tuesday, April 20 - At 12:40 p.m., Joseph Fillipon, 30, of 245 Andover St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

THEFTS

Wednesday, April 14 - At 12:15 p.m., a patient stole his own medical records on Haverhill Street.

Thursday, April 15 - At 6:43 p.m., a man reported someone had taken his wallet in the morning and his credit cards had already been used.

Friday, April 16 - At 4:38 p.m., a Sagamore Drive resident reported two checks had been stolen from him and cashed.

Monday, April 19 - At 12:25 p.m., three rhododendron bushes were reported stolen.

BREAKS

Monday, April 19 - At 10:55 p.m., a Phillips Street resident

reported someone entered her house and stole her laptop computer.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, April 15 - At 12:10 p.m., there was a sex offense reported. It is Andover Police Department's policy not to release information about sex offenses.

At 12:19 p.m., North Andover Animal Control helped an Andover officer free a muskrat stuck in a fence in the Ballardvale playground.

Friday, April 16 - At 8:02 p.m., a 15-year-old was transported to the hospital severely intoxicated.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, April 15 - At 7:56 p.m., a Center Street resident reported a softball bat stolen from her car.

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Community members wrote court to help former officer, Peterson

FORMER OFFICER

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tullo. "Most people who break the law have some excuse," said Pattullo. He said Peterson put on a uniform and took an oath and, when he broke that oath, he had to pay the penalty, said Pattullo. "Integrity is the one thing you have at the end of the day. If you don't you might as well hang up the badge," Pattullo added that losing his livelihood was a

"If there were more Randy Peterson's in the world, there wouldn't have to be a Lazarus House."

BRIDGET SHAHEEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LAZARUS HOUSE, WHERE PETERSON NOW WORKS

severe penalty for Peterson.

Pattullo said, to his knowledge, Peterson has received no financial help from the Andover Police Patrolmen's Union. No one from the department wrote to the court on Peterson's behalf. Det. Sgt. Donald Pattullo said the crime put officers in a delicate situation. "The department was hurt by it," said Det. Sgt. Pattullo. He said if officers banded together to express support for Peterson, it would look like the department condoned his crimes. "In police work, you're damned if you do and damned if you don't," said Det. Sgt. Pattullo. "The bottom line is, you swear to uphold the badge."

Assistant District Attorney Mary Doyle said the punishment was lessened by Peterson's complete cooperation, and the fact that he never used the drugs himself or profited by them. His wife's condition was also a factor. "This is one of those rare occasions when the facts and circumstances that surround the case were truly mitigating," said Doyle.

A phony prescription of Peterson's was spotted for the first time at Conlin's Pharmacy in Lawrence after Peterson's insurance company refused to pay for the drugs. He passed false

prescriptions in Methuen and Lawrence between Sept. 3, 2000 and Aug. 14, 2003, a period of almost three years.

But friends of Peterson say he was a good man and father and believed he was driven to break the law to ease his wife's suffering.

Andover resident Jane Morrisey has been a registered nurse for 30 years at Lawrence General Hospital and met Peterson 20 years ago when he was a Lawrence police officer. She also knew his family through her connections to St. Augustine parish.

"I honestly feel this is a case where the medical system has failed to help this family. They were left isolated and desperate for help. Thus what followed was a desperate act," wrote Mor-

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ANDOVER POLICE CHIEF BRIAN PATTULLO ON OFFICER RANDY PETERSON'S DECISION TO WRITE FALSE PRESCRIPTIONS

risey. Sister Kathleen Leary and kindergarten teacher Charlotte Flynn respectively of St. Augustine parish and school both wrote to say Peterson was a loving husband. "I have watched Randy in the hospital room with Eileen, grateful for any and all prayers on her behalf. I have seen him bring juice and lunch to school trying to sustain Eileen's strength," wrote Sister Leary.

Shawn McKallagat, pharmacist and president of Letourneau's Pharmacy at 349 North Main St., had known Peterson for five years. "I have no doubt that it was his love for his wife and family that caused him to sacrifice his piece of mind, his reputation and ultimately his career," he wrote.

Residents Michael and Paula O'Dea

have been friends of Peterson for more than 13 years. "Randy Peterson is a man of integrity and honesty in all his endeavors," they wrote.

Working for Lazarus House

Andover friends helped Peterson get a job picking up furniture donations for Lazarus House, a charitable organization in Lawrence. Peterson was open and forthcoming about his problem with the law and has put it behind him, said Bridget Shaheen, executive director for Lazarus House. "I don't think we've ever made a better hire. He's absolutely the most gentle, caring, humble worker we've ever had. If there were more Randy Peterson's in the world, there wouldn't have to be a Lazarus House," said Shaheen.

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JANE MORRISEY, NURSE, IN A LETTER TO THE JUDGE IN RANDY PETERSON'S CASE

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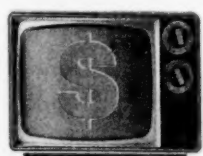
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Crucial choices



Will the New England Patriots draft a tall wide receiver, a big, bruising offensive lineman or an athletic linebacker? With the Super Bowl champions having three picks in the first two rounds on Saturday, it is expected to be the most active and interesting NFL draft for the team in nearly a decade. It's an important one, too, and *The Eagle-Tribune* will have full coverage in Sunday's editions. In the Sports section.

Battle for viewers



The high stakes battle for the region's television sets has ratcheted up with the onset of digital technology in our homes. As Comcast rolls out and enhances its Video On Demand service, Direct TV is marketing itself with a free TiVo digital recorder unit. Comcast will fire back with its own digital recorder service later this year. What are the costs and consequences for consumers? In Biz North.

Poets in bud



When Maine poet laureate Baron Wormser reviewed the entries for The 21st Annual Eagle-Tribune/Robert Frost Foundation Spring Poetry Contest, he was especially impressed with the region's young poets. Nearly 1,000 kids entered the contest, and Wormser thinks the next Frost or Bradstreet could be among them. They wrote about birds and beaches, laughter and lady bugs. Spring through the eyes of the region's children. In the Lifestyle section.

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Education

ON CAMPUS

Steven A. Koh of Andover, a senior at Harvard College, has been elected president of the Harvard Glee Club for 2003-04. He served as vice president in 2002-03. As president, Koh serves as the student head of the 60-voice male chorus, the oldest college chorus in the country. The group has traveled extensively around the world, including summer tours of Asia, Europe, and Australia, and North America. In his sophomore year, Koh toured Scandinavia with the club, which included performances at the US Embassy in Oslo, Norway and the Marble Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia.



Steven A. Koh

Recently, the Harvard Glee Club completed a spring tour of California. A psychology major, Koh is a member of the Crimson Key Society and was elected last year by the society to serve as Freshman Week coordinator with the Harvard University Freshman Dean's Office. This past summer, Koh completed an internship with Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, where he provided legal assistance to clients in need.

Koh is a graduate of Pike School and Phillips Academy, where he served as school president and senior class representative. He is the son of Dr. Howard Koh and Dr. Claudia Arrigg of Andover.

□□□ The UMass Lowell fall semester 2003 dean's list students from Andover include **Matthew W. Libby** of 11 Farrwood Drive; **Adam S. Lynch** of 800 Bullfinch Drive #314; and **Rebecca B. McMahon** of 84 Blanchard St.

□□□ **Kathryn E. Sand**, of Andover, is participating in the Bates College Junior Semester Abroad program. Sand, an economics major, is studying at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Students at Bates in Lewiston, Maine may take a semester or full year in a foreign country. Both programs provide opportunities to study and conduct research at their choice of hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the world.

Sand, a 2001 graduate of Phillips Academy and a dean's list student, is the daughter of David and Jean Sand of 17 Abbot St.

□□□ **Molly Hauptman**, the daughter of Cliff and Susan Hauptman, and **Lindsey Saunders**, the daughter of Rhonda and Jeffrey Saunders, all of Andover, were named

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Parents step up to the plate

New reality: Tax dollars don't cover as many school items as in the past

By Ben Hellman

ANDOVER PARENTS are paying for more and more school items that were once covered by tax dollars.

Recent years have seen Parent Teacher Organizations and Parent Advisory Councils paying for teacher staff development, library books and, next year, possibly even classroom furniture. Parents also are paying larger fees for busing, athletics and other extracurricular programs that were once free.

Last year, school PTOs and PACs donated \$281,700 to the running of the schools. The bulk of the money went to capital improvement projects instead of enrichment activities that were once the focus of parent fundraising efforts. "The PTOs are doing more and more. We're paying for the same stuff that on the town side is still in the budget," said Bill Pennington, West Middle School PTO president.

Pennington said the West Middle School PTO is entertaining a request to buy classroom desks and chairs for the 2004-05 school year. They are items necessary to run a school, but are still costs that will take away from other areas if they are not paid for. "It would be great to draw a line in the sand, but we'd only be hurting our kids," said Pennington.

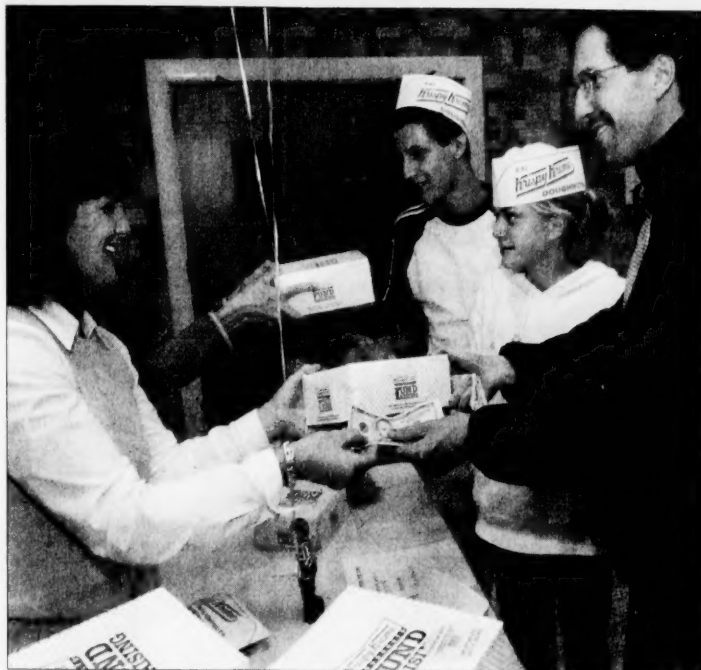
Townwide PTO moderator Kristin Wise asked PTO and PAC heads to submit spending budgets this year and compiled the first known tally of what parents pay in the schools (see chart at right).

Not included in the figures are amounts raised and spent by athletic booster clubs. School Committee chairman Tony James said the 2002-03 spike in spending happened because parents took on unusually large capital projects. About \$100,000 was spent systemwide by parents last year for playgrounds.

High Plain Elementary PTO co-president Martha Hyslip said her school's parents have been generous in supporting big-ticket items such as a playground. Former School Committee member Gerry Gustus took issue with town government forcing High Plain Elementary parents to contribute to the cost of a new school's playground, but in the end parents contributed approximately \$42,000 to the playgrounds, said Hyslip. "We haven't had a problem raising funds. We've been very lucky," she said.

Hyslip said parents do it for their children. "So many PTOs are raising so much money. You don't want your child not to have the cultural enrichment programs the other schools have," said Hyslip.

The next project for High Plain Elementary School parents will be to create a path or stairs to negotiate the hills that separate the upper playing fields from the lower fields at the school. The hill grades are so steep, the lower fields have been off limits for kids since the school opened, said Hyslip. She has no figures yet for how much the project will cost. "I can't imagine it's going to be cheap — nothing is these days," said Hyslip.



When PTOs and PACs want to raise money for the schools, one sure-fire way to "make some dough" has been to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Back in October, the West Middle School PAC sold Krispy Kremes in a fund-raising event. In the left-hand photo, Eric DeLacoste and his children Emily and Patrick (wearing paper hats) receive two boxes of doughnuts from Liz Burdeau and Laurie Liffmann. In the photo at right, Chip Manozzi takes a chance at the craps table during Casino Night, a fundraiser held in December at Indian Ridge Country Club to generate money to support clubs at Andover High School.

PTO & PAC CONTRIBUTIONS

	2001-02	2002-03	Projected 2003-04
Capital Improvements	\$72,695	\$176,110	\$79,240
Enrichment programs	\$55,600	\$76,740	\$94,920
Staff development	\$4,500	\$28,850	\$25,340
Total	\$132,795	\$281,700	\$199,500
ALSO FUNDED:			
AHS clubs	\$0	\$7,000	\$31,000
Middle school clubs	\$0	\$70,575	\$76,190
Bus fees	\$0	(not available)	\$225,000
Athletic fees	(not available)	\$100,000	\$150,000
Parent spending	(not available)	\$459,275	\$681,690

BOOK REVIEW

The Redwall Series

BY BRIAN JACQUES

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week, 14-year-old Andover residents John and James review a series about a sophisticated group of talking animals.

For years, Brian Jacques has been writing the Redwall series. With more than 10 installments and more on the way, there is no shortage of reading material. While some novels are better than others, all of these books are entertaining and interesting. The first in the series is simply called Redwall.

In Redwall, as in each book of the series, the characters consist of a highly sophisticated and civilized group of talking animals. Each of the books is set in a time period similar to the 17th century. It is not clear if the stories are set on earth or not, but wherever they take place, Brian Jacques sure has a good idea of what the place is like. Each book contains a map of the land

to be described — usually land near or at Redwall Abbey. Although the setting is often the same, the characters change from book to book. The various rodents, rabbits, hares, badgers and such all have a unique personality, and their differences and journeys create the plots for these novels. For a good introduction to the series, the best book to start with is Redwall itself.

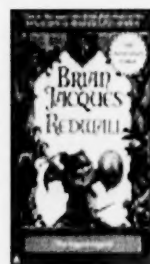
The first book surrounds the mysterious Redwall Abbey, the home to the main character, Matthias. When the evil rat lord, Cluny, vows to take over the abbey, the only thing that can save the animals is the sword of a great leader, Martin the Warrior. This adventure surrounding Matthias' quest to find the sword is a nail-biting adventure, with a new surprise around every turn. One never knows who he or she will meet next along the journey!

We recommend this series to animal

lovers and people who like fantasy or mystery. It is created for a fairly high reading level, but is interesting enough to not bore young readers. Fourth grade or higher is a good age for readers to check out this series. If readers like the first story, they will have quite a few other books to tackle. We give Redwall a nine out of 10, and the series as a whole an eight out of 10. The one thing we don't like about these books is that readers become attached to the characters in one book, and then the author never mentions them again for the rest of the series.

Although Redwall has not reached the popularity of Harry Potter or The Series of Unfortunate Events, it is certainly worth reading.

So reading fans should battle their way past rats, mice, chipmunks and squirrels to their local bookstore to pick up their own copy of Redwall today.



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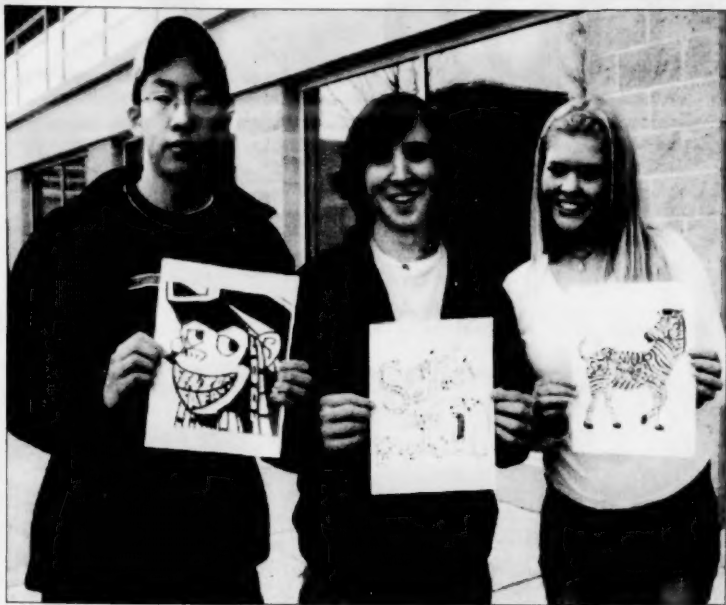
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BIG GAME HUNTING



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Organizers of Senior Safari are planning the 12th annual all-night, substance-free celebration in honor of this year's graduates of Andover High School. Senior Safari has become a tradition, made possible through the support of parent volunteers and community cooperation. Many area businesses donate money or services to ensure the success of Senior Safari. Jim Batchelder, teacher at Andover High, sponsors an annual logo contest in his "Portfolios" class. Above are this year's winners in the 10th year of the Senior Safari Logo Contest: Chris DeLorenzo (center) holds up his winning design, earning first place. He is flanked by Michael Shyu (left), who came in second; and Sarah Bouchard, who took third place. The three winners will see their designs implemented at the graduation night celebration in June.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Doherty Middle School will hold its annual Grade 8 Scholar Night next Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Students who have maintained honor-roll status for two terms will be recognized for their achievement.

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers recently announced that students earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2003-04 school year. This quarter, students qualified for the headmaster's list by earning grades of 90 percent or higher in all courses, and students qualified for the honor roll by earning grades of 85 percent or higher in all courses.

The following Andover students were named to the headmaster's list for the second quarter of the 2003-04 school year: Stephen Chan '07, Samuel Rauseo '07, Corey Richard '07,

Christopher Gibson '06, Richard Sawyer '06, Timothy Smith '06, Daniel Ravens '05, Geoffrey Wuehrmann '05, and John McCarthy '04.

The following Andover students were named to the honor roll for the second quarter: Robert H. Bradley '06, Evan Cooke '06, Michael Gibson '04, Brian McPartland '04, and Mark Rauseo '06.

The Fenn School of Concord, Mass., announced its honor roll for the second term. Alden French and William Notini, both of Andover, received academic high honors.

Local Brooks School honor students were recently announced by the school. Students from Andover are as follows. Receiving highest honors (students must maintain an average of 92 or above) were Julia Shin, a senior, and Shyam Kannan, a junior. Receiving high honors (students must maintain an average of 88 or above) were juniors Nicole Lonero and Lexi Caffrey.

Receiving honors (with an average of 85 or above) were juniors Tommy Arrigg, Stephanie Miller, Meredith Mooney, Emily Schwartz and Billy Shaheen; sophomores Sara Christopher, Katie Conway, Suzanne Hyslip, Angela Latona, Joe Malarney, Chelsea Portney, Adam Rousmaniere and Patrick Tonelli; and freshmen Emma Kieckhafer and Randall Latona.

ON CAMPUS

■ BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

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to the dean's list at Brandeis University in Waltham for their academic achievement for the spring semester.

Dean's list honors are awarded to students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Katharine Buckley, a third-year student at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2003-04 academic year.

She is the daughter of Gary and Susan Buckley of 19 Bradley Road. She majors in history.

Matt Thibodeau of Andover was one of 35 students at Lyndon State College in Lyndon Center, Vt. taking part in the college's new honors program who received certificates recognizing the extra commitment they have made to make the most of the opportunities Lyndon State offers.

Thibodeau, the son of Steve and Cynthia Thibodeau, is majoring in television studies.

In its first year at LSC, the honors program offers qualified students who seek a greater challenge two different programs to choose from.

College honors is for high-achieving first-year students,

and academic honors is for upper-class students.

John Fox, of Andover, class of 2005, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), a leadership development program for outstanding high school students.

While attending the NSLC, Fox will have the opportunity to study, experience, and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader. This year, approximately 8,000 gifted high school students from across the United States and from 45 countries around the world will find themselves immersed in a new learning environment. These young leaders return to their schools with increased potential and newly developed abilities that enable them to make a positive difference in their communities, organizers said.

Shannon E. Fox, daughter of John and Karen Fox of Andover, completed her first semester at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, and achieved highest honors distinction.

Fox, a member of the BC class of 2008, accomplished a near-perfect cumulative average, which placed her in the top 2 percent of her freshmen class.

She remains undecided as to a major.

Both students live at 26

Granli Drive.

Natalia W. Tsai, Courtney E. Sullivan and Benjamin J. Wish, all of Andover, were named to the dean's list at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine as a result of their scholastic standing during the first semester of the 2003-04 academic year.

Tsai, a sophomore, is a 2002 graduate of Andover High School and the daughter of Robert Yu-Cheng Tsai and Sue Ellen Huang of 8 Clover Circle.

Sullivan, a senior psychology major, has been a member of the women's lacrosse and outdoor track teams and the riding club. She spent the fall of her junior year studying in Spain. A 2000 graduate of Brooks School, Sullivan is the daughter of Michael and Susan Sullivan of 238 South Main St.

Wish, a junior double major in political science and environmental studies, was a 2003 recipient of the Stanton Environmental Award in recognition of his work in advancing Bates' environmental agenda. He studied in Russia during fall 2003. A 2001 graduate of Lawrence Academy, he is the son of William and Elizabeth Wish, 6 Penbrook Circle.

To qualify for the dean's list at Bates, a student must maintain a better than B+ average for the semester, for a minimum quality-point ratio of 3.6.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 26-30:

Elementary schools

Monday: Barbecue chicken with rice and corn, nachos with taco meat and cheese, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with roll and raisins, chocolate chip pancakes, pizza stick with soft pretzel, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger with fries, salad bar, pizza ring, mixed fruit, carrots and milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak with gravy and potato, french toast with sausage, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Spaghetti and meatballs with roll, hot dog with fries, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie, vanilla pudding and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two beefy burritos with rice, two hot dogs with chips, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, nachos with taco meat and cheese, mozzarella sticks with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Sloppy Joes, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie, chocolate cake and milk.

Friday: Roast pork with potato, top your own tacos, corn dog with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Meat-filled raviolis, barbecued Sloppy Joe pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two egg McMuffins, bakery pizza, lasagna/stuffed shells, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, meatball sub with chips, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue pork sandwich, top your own taco, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Meatloaf with mashed potato and gravy, spaghetti and meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Opinion

Voting with one's head and heart

SHOCKING. THAT IS A GOOD WORD to describe the feeling one gets when one hears a group of nuns is suing Andover. But it is only shocking to learn that *nuns* would sue the town because of a vote at last year's Town Meeting. A lawsuit of some kind was expected. Residents were warned at 2003 Town Meeting that their vote to rescind an authorization to bring sewer and water to an area of River Road could land the town in court. Everyone assumed the lawsuit would come from a developer that wants to build an 115-unit housing complex called AvalonBay. But the Poor St. Clare Sisters on River Road, fearing they might no longer have a legal right to water and sewer, have filed jointly with AvalonBay.

Town Meeting voters often have big hearts. They have approved budgets they knew were not sustainable, because they did not want to cut valued programs. This has led to deeper cuts down the road.

In 1997, they authorized selectmen to help bring sewer to an area of River Road, to help the St. Clare Sisters, nuns looking to move across the street to a smaller home. Although residents knew others could use the sewer, they wanted to help the elderly nuns.

Last year, a group of River Road residents came to Town Meeting, saying the authority should be rescinded because the sewers would be used by an affordable housing complex they did not want. Although town officials warned voters such a reversal could lead to a lawsuit, voters sided with their fellow residents over the developer.

Voting with only the heart can lead to financial or legal problems down the road. Residents should consider that while voting at this year's meeting.

Web question

What issue has you ready to vote?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Should all town employees be required to show proof of purchase if they want to receive money for clothing, and is it necessary to shell out so much money to clothe employees?

27 people voted.

1, or 4 percent, said, "It's up to each department how to hand out clothing allowances. I have no problem with the way things operate now."

1, or 4 percent, said, "Town employees are entitled to a clothing allowance, but should have to prove the money is being spent on work attire."

16, or 59 percent, said, "The town should only pay for uniforms. If the town employees are not required to wear a uniform, they should pay for their own clothes."

8, or 30 percent, said, "Town employees receive a paycheck every week and

other perks. Let them pay for their own clothes. Uniform or no uniform, I'm sure each employee could cover the cost of dressing himself or herself."

1 person voted "Other."

This week's *Townsmen* Web-site question is: What issue or cause will bring you to Town Meeting this year?

- Supporting the school budget.

- Keeping taxes lower.

- Approving senior-center design money.

- Changing the town manager to an elected position.

- The additional \$1.25 million requested for the sewer project.

- The warrant looks dull. I may sit this meeting out.

- I always attend Town meeting regardless of the issues.

- Other

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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KIDS' STUFF



Steve Gemmell and Scott Hale tightened bolts while helping to construct a new playground behind Christ Church last Saturday.

LETTERS

Article 35

Finish the flow; approve sewers

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Ahh, spring is in the air! The grass is turning a vibrant green, the flowers are popping up – and the septic systems still really stink! Five years ago, Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved the Rogers Brook, South Main Street and Ballardvale area sewer-expansion project.

Now we need to finish the project. Residents should vote in favor of Article 35 at Town Meeting so that those in the greatest need of sewers can breathe clean air and eliminate this potential for polluting our streams and ground water.

The remaining areas that are part of the plan but are in now jeopardy of not being sewered are the Holt Road, Wildwood Road, Shaw Drive and Suncrest Road areas. According to the Andover health department, this land has the worst soil characteristics in the entire South Main Street area and among the highest number of system failures in the town. An additional \$1.25 million is needed to finish the project in this area. Remember, this amount will be funded through betterments and user fees, not through taxes. Therefore, voting for Article 35 has no impact on school budgets or other town services. The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and health department support this article.

Tom Boshar
159 Holt Road

Articles 15 & 17

League opinions

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover has studied selected warrant articles and has concluded the following:

ARTICLE 15. The League supports the proposal to publish only the titles of warrant articles in the *Townsmen*, rather than publishing the entire warrant. The warrant is available on the Town Web site, at Memorial Hall Library and at the town clerk's office several weeks prior to the mailing of the Finance Committee report to all households. This availability should be sufficient to ensure that interested voters can obtain a copy of the warrant.

ARTICLE 17. The League is not in favor of this article. If considered only on its merits, and not on the fact that the wording of the article is not legally correct, the League would still be opposed. A few years ago, the League conducted a study of the town charter and concluded that the current system of appointed town manager, elected Board of Selectmen and open Town Meeting was serving

Town Meeting Article 42

Keep town feel with parking rules

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We are asking voters to support Article 42. We applaud its intent to maintain the integrity of downtown Andover's streetscapes. We agree that re-designing off-street parking to the side or back of multi-unit properties will help to preserve the charm of Andover's older residential areas.

One of the positive influences on our decision to purchase our homes in Andover was the attractiveness of the residential properties surrounding the downtown area. A short drive around the town's center assured us that this picturesque town had a healthy mix of older single and multi-family residences that were desirable and

an asset to the community.

In recent years, more and more front lawns have been paved over – turned into asphalt parking lots – negatively impacting the surrounding residential areas. A short drive through some of our older neighborhoods now yields jarring results: hot-topped front yards, created with no attempt to screen the paved area or otherwise "blend in" with adjacent lawns. We ask residents to consider what they would want their neighborhood to look like. Where would they prefer to live?

Carol and Ed Van Doren
63 High St.
Deborah and Doug Cummings
67 High St.

the public well in Andover. We have strived to make Town Meeting better by advocating for removal of the quorum, consent agendas, pro and con microphones, and time limits for presenters.

We remind citizens that when speaking at Town Meeting,

moderator rules dictate that the speaker disclose any financial or other interest he or she may have in the article.

Diana Walsh
23 Greybirch Road
President

LWV Andover/N. Andover

School should not boot greatly successful soccer leader

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Normally, it is with great dismay but little surprise that I see an injustice perpetrated against a loyal member of the public schools' staff. This time I am stunned as I can't think of any logical reason for it happening to this person.

I started teaching in Andover on the same day as Richard Loschi in 1971. We came to the town from different places with different backgrounds and different interests yet we became colleagues and friends and have remained that way for 33 years. We have collaborated on in-service projects, curriculum committees and the planning of faculty social events. We have worked on the same academic teams at West Elementary School and now we are the grade six team leaders at West Middle School.

Loschi has been a dedicated and talented elementary school or social studies teacher at the middle school for all of those years with nothing but the highest of evaluations from at least six principals and three assistant principals. He has consistently displayed a strong and caring rapport with his students and has worked diligently to send on all of them with solid requisite skills they need.

He has been a committed coach and, by all accounts, a successful one. For 23 years of softball and girls' soccer, his

teams have fared well and have brought Andover the glory it so desires and publicizes. His varsity girls soccer team has a combined record of 271-76-41 over 19 years, and the coach has been awarded several titles for his efforts including Massachusetts State Girls Soccer Coach of the Year. Last season was no exception, as the team had a very respectable record of 17-3-4 and went to the state tourney. By anyone's standards, these achievements deserve to be lauded not only to recognize Loschi, but for the scores of young women who have had the opportunity to play on teams coached by such a person.

Imagine my shock when I was informed Athletic Directors Brian McNally and David Nichols had devised an arbitrary and illegal evaluation model for coaches and that Loschi was not going to be considered for the position of girls soccer coach in the fall of 2004. As a former president of the Andover Education Association, I know what is required for an evaluation model to be put into use, and the one that was used meets none of the criteria. In addition, none of the grounds given by McNally and Nichols have been substantiated, nor are they legal in that they were brought forward through a capricious and arbitrary practice known as unilateral implementation. Such things are subject to the collective bargaining laws of

the Commonwealth.

I question where the loyalty is to people who have given their energies to the system, have met with success and accolades in their areas, have worked tirelessly to improve and strengthen their programs, have provided support and guidance to athletes and students in their charge, and have demonstrated nothing but the highest of values of good sportsmanship. What is behind such a move beyond misguided philosophy and vested interest?

I encourage all those young women who have played on teams coached by Coach Richard Loschi to remember what he gave to them, to rally behind their coach, and to tell the athletic department directors at Andover High School; Peter Anderson, principal, and Superintendent, Claudia Bach, that what they are doing is wrong and it will not be tolerated quietly. I suggest Andover coaches look very carefully at what has happened here. Could this happen to them in the same manner? I urge them to rally behind their colleague to put an end to this injustice.

As for me, I support my friend and want to see him treated with the respect he has worked so hard for and deserves.

James J. Redmond
7 Bellevue Road
West Middle School teacher

LETTERS

Politicians back new senior center design, article 32

Editor, Townsman:

After 14 years and numerous studies, meetings, and task forces, the Andover Senior Center is on the verge of becoming a reality. The only remaining obstacle that separates us from building a humble but quality center for the seniors of our town to use is adequate funding. While the \$500,000 figure may seem daunting to some, we cannot ignore the benefits of this investment as our senior population is expected to climb to nearly 10,000 in less than a decade. It is our opinion that if the Senior Center Task Force is willing to put the time and effort into this project, the citizens of Andover should meet them halfway.

In fact, the Task Force has come more than halfway themselves. Picking up after the failure to collect the needed funds in 2001, the group started from scratch. They went so far as to once again examine if the project was even necessary – it was. Next, they examined potential sites, to see if one met their needs – one did. And finally they tackled the issue of funding, and attempted to lower their already modest request.

Upon re-examination, they lowered the cost to \$350,000: a remarkable display of fiscal discipline that we, as a community, should respect and honor with approval.

After selecting an architect,

and a site on Bartlet Street for construction, the Task Force is almost finished with its job. Currently, 17 different sites are used to provide the services that this one center will offer. A central location for all the town's seniors, in the center of the town they know and love would be an appropriate show of respect and gratitude towards our parents and grandparents- members of the greatest generation.

We hope everyone will come to recognize the value in such a project and come forward to support it.

Rep. Barry R. Finegold
Rep. Barbara L'Italien
Sen. Susan C. Tucker
Andover state legislators

THE THURSDAY FILE

To be fully alive is to feel that everything is possible.

ERIC HOFFER

It is the follow through that makes the great difference between ultimate success and failure, because it is so easy to stop.

CHARLES F. KETTERING

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

SIR RICHARD STEELE

Eternal truths will be neither true nor eternal unless they have fresh meaning for every new social situation.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Did is a word of achievement, Won't is a word of retreat, Might is a word of bereavement,

Can't is a word of defeat, Ought is a word of duty, Try is a word of each hour, Will is a word of beauty, Can is a word of power.

UNKNOWN

A hotel isn't like a home, but it's better than being a house guest.

WILLIAM FEATHER

Fall seven times, stand up eight.

JAPANESE PROVERB

Living and working in the same community is a tried-and-tested formula.

ASHLEY DOBBS

The language of friendship is not words but meanings.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

The Oscar Wilde quotation

Work is the curse of the drinking classes.

About 'The Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file on the Internet. The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as these.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY AREA

Police: Be on lookout for home breaks

By Ben Hellman

After two similar house breaks near Phillips Academy, Andover Police are asking residents to be on the lookout for an individual knocking on doors or wandering around houses in the private school area. Police believe the two breaks are connected.

A person walked into a Phillips Street house this Monday night and took a laptop before leaving, said Det. Sgt. Donald Pattullo. The break-in happened when the owner left the house for an hour and was discovered when she returned.

A similar break-in occurred on Old Campus Road on March 8. An individual, probably alone and on foot, said police, wandered into the house, took a pocketbook and camera, and walked out. The March break happened on a snowy night, so police found footprints showing that someone had been wandering around the house, said Pattullo. "This one (on Monday night) happened 200 yards away," said Pattullo.

Pattullo said Phillips Academy is a trickier place to have a community watch because there are students wandering around the campus at all hours of the night. In a residential neighborhood, such an individual would appear out of place to a greater degree, he said.

Anyone spotting suspicious people or activity should contact the Andover Police Department at 978-475-0411.

POLICE LOG

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At 8:50 a.m. a Stevens Street resident reported her Honda Civic was stolen during the night. It was recovered by Lawrence Police at noon.

Tuesday, April 20 – from 8 to 9 p.m. there were reports of a red car driving around downtown shooting paintballs at houses and cars. Reports were made on Elm Street, Chestnut Street, and Andover Street.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 14 – At 12:51 p.m., there was an accident reported with injuries on Haggetts Pond Road.

Thursday, April 15 – At 8:47 p.m., a car ran into a tree on Corbett Street and one person was taken to the hospital.

VANDALISM

There were 10 reports of vandalism.

COMPILED BY BEN HELLMAN

Judge: Keep paying 65%

HEALTH INSURANCE

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said firefighter union President Jim Landry.

Landry said firefighters, police and teachers' legal fees for the case have reached \$8,500. He is hoping a judge will rule in favor of town employees again and award them the cost of legal fees.

Torresi said he knew nothing about the unions seeking compensation for legal fees, but said he estimates the effort cost the town no more than \$10,000.

Court order: Withdraw article 46

The town had considered bringing the issue back to Town Meeting. Steve Bucuzo, assistant town manager,

said the selectmen were split on whether to pose the question for a second time to Town Meeting voters.

The day the warrant closed, Fire Chief Charles Murnane checked to see if anyone had entered an article to bring the issue before the voters. He then took it upon himself to enter an article as a private citizen saying it was "the right thing to do."

Murnane said he has no problems now withdrawing the article. The judge's ruling orders the article to be withdrawn. Murnane said he intended to withdraw the article if the judge ruled before Town Meeting.

"The judge said it all," said Murnane, who indicated he was pleased with the outcome.

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Town Meeting

Electing the town manager

Man wants residents to have authority

By Andrea Gregory

It's clear town leaders do not believe residents will support an effort by resident Larry Bruce to make the town manager an elected position.

"He'll make his presentation and then I'll call on you to shut him down," said Town Moderator Jim Doherty to Town Counsel Tom Urbelis about private warrant article 17 and its sponsor, Bruce.

Doherty made the comment during a public meeting last Thursday, during which officials participated in casual dialogue about Town Meeting warrant articles and presentation schemes.

"Well, it's illegal, isn't it?" asked Doherty.

"Yes," responded Urbelis without further explanation.

Town Meeting warrant article 17, sponsored by Chandler Road resident Bruce, could cost the town manager his job and alter Andover's current form of government. The article calls for changing the town manager's job from an appointed position to an elected position. Bruce would like to see Town Meeting voters act as the hiring and firing squad for the town's top employee. Voters would select their town manager, and a majority vote could also remove a town manager. Under the proposed bylaw, if 100 residents signed a petition to remove a town manager, a special election would be held

within 30 days. A majority vote would decide whether the town manager stays or is fired.

Officials are familiar with the sponsor of private article 17. Bruce is known as a active believer of strict bylaw interpretations and has publicly expressed frustration with the local government and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, in particular.

Bruce said his warrant article

will bring Andover closer to democracy. He said the way the article is worded allows Andover to continue operating with selectmen and Town Meeting, but will put more power in the hands of the voters. Bruce is not convinced what he is proposing is illegal, and

believes that is something that can be determined after the intent of voters is established.

"I think we need to have a direct accountability between the town manager and the voters," said Bruce. "Nothing bad can come from voting. When is it ever bad to vote on things?"

"I think they are the best people to staff the job," said Bruce.

Selectmen unanimously recommend disapproval of the article. "We have a process in place that we believe in," said Selectman Ted Teichert as an explanation to the selectmen's stance.

Stapczynski has not expressed concern about the article appearing on the warrant.



Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski



In front of the site of the proposed senior center are (in front, from left) senior-center user Mickey Nazzaro; Kathy Urquhart, acting director of Elder Services; Kristine Arakelian, outreach coordinator, and (in back) Sandy Nazzaro and Cliff Lawrence, both of the Senior Center Task Force.

Goal is a larger senior center

Design money would turn small soccer field into larger center

By Andrea Gregory

A St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Andover Senior Center accommodated fewer than 100 seniors. More than 50 others had to be turned away.

That's the sort of thing that can happen at the current 11,000 square foot senior center, says Kathy Urquhart, acting director of elder services. Some seniors are used to it and don't even bother to try to attend popular events. Some of those who do call to check on space must put their names on waiting lists, says Urquhart. Other seniors are turned away at the door.

"It's too bad," says Urquhart says, but she is hoping a Town Meeting vote will change the situation.

Supporters of a new senior center want Town Meeting voters to approve \$350,000 this year to design a new, 28,100 square foot senior center, just south of Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. They would return next year for construction money.

Selectmen are recommending approval of Town Meeting warrant article 32 to allow the town to borrow \$350,000 for design money. The article currently calls for \$500,000, but

is expected to be amended down on the floor of Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee is recommending disapproval. "We can't support something like this, this year," said Chairwoman Joanne Marden. "We don't think this is the year to take on a large project." She said members also considered future operating costs.

Don Robb, member of the Senior Center Task Force, says with \$350,000 the town can hire an architect to produce detailed enough design plans to put out to bid. Next year, Town Meeting would be asked to approve construction funds. Based on estimates provided by the architect, construction will cost \$5,447,000 to \$6,449,000.

A warrant article seeking design money was withdrawn on the floor of Town Meeting last year due to the town's financial situation. But senior center supporters have decided to push ahead this year with the thought that, for some people, it will never be the right fiscal climate to build a center. They argue that the town's senior citizen population is growing.

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Whither the Will Hall cash?

In 1997, supporters of creating a new senior center pinned their hopes on turning Will Hall, an old dormitory owned by Phillips Academy, into the site for a new, larger center.

Town officials signed a 30-year lease, with a 10-year option, with P.A. on the condition that a private group called the Friends of Andover Seniors would raise 100 percent of the money needed to renovate the building by the summer of 2001.

Town Meeting voted \$500,000 in "seed money" to start the fund-raising effort but the estimated \$5 million needed could not be raised. About \$350,000 of the seed money was spent in the Will Hall effort.

When a new Senior Center Task Force was created it inherited the remaining \$150,000 or so. About \$24,000 remains, says Don Robb, task force member.

— Neil Fater

Town Meeting basics

Where to vote, how to park and get babysitting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 26 and 27 at the Andover High School Field House and if needed, May 3, 4 at the Collins Center at Andover High on Shawshen Road. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. each night.

A shuttle bus will run from the parking lot on Red Spring Road and will make a loop through the West Middle School parking lot. Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m.

Babysitting will be available until 10 p.m. Pre-registration is mandatory and must be reserved by today, Thursday, April 22. The fee is \$10 per child per night. Call the Department of Community Services at 978-623-8274.

Upon request, sign-language interpreters, material on

tape and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communication as specified in the American with Disability Act. Contact the ADA coordinator at Town Offices at 978-623-8530 this week.

All registered voters that attend Town Meeting will need to be checked into the meeting in the lobby of Andover High School on April 26 and 27 and the lobby of the Collins Center on May 3 and 4. They may also visit the town Web site at www.town.andover.ma.us and do a precinct search under "Resources". The town recommends that people check their precinct number before they go to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

Questions? Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8200.

RESERVE FUND IS ONE ISSUE

Budget debate will hit Town Meeting floor

By Meir Rinde

Budget hawks are readying for a floor fight at Town Meeting next Monday over a plan to use \$1 million in cash reserves to prop up the school budget.

Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended Town Meeting approve the proposed \$114 million budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, but earlier this month selectmen Brian Major and Mary Lyman voted against the recommendation, saying it would increase spending to unsustainable levels and set too little aside for maintenance of town facilities.

They also noted that the town is in contract negotiations with employee unions but has set aside no money to pay for wage increases that are expected to result from the talks.

Major has said he will propose an amendment to the budget at Town Meeting

asking residents to spend less of the cash usually reserved for emergencies such as overruns in snow removal and special education costs.

"I would like to see us cut in half that amount of free cash, so that perhaps we used \$500,000," he said earlier this month. "That way, for the next two years we can at least guarantee we'll have enough to cover that spending."

Officials who supported the budget said they were comfortable with the higher spending figure in part because the town received more than \$1 million in back taxes on 16 Haverhill St. last year, increasing the amount of so-called "free cash" on the books. The town usually budgets \$300,000 in free cash for operating expenses, but often ends up spending more on special education overruns.

School officials say the money is needed

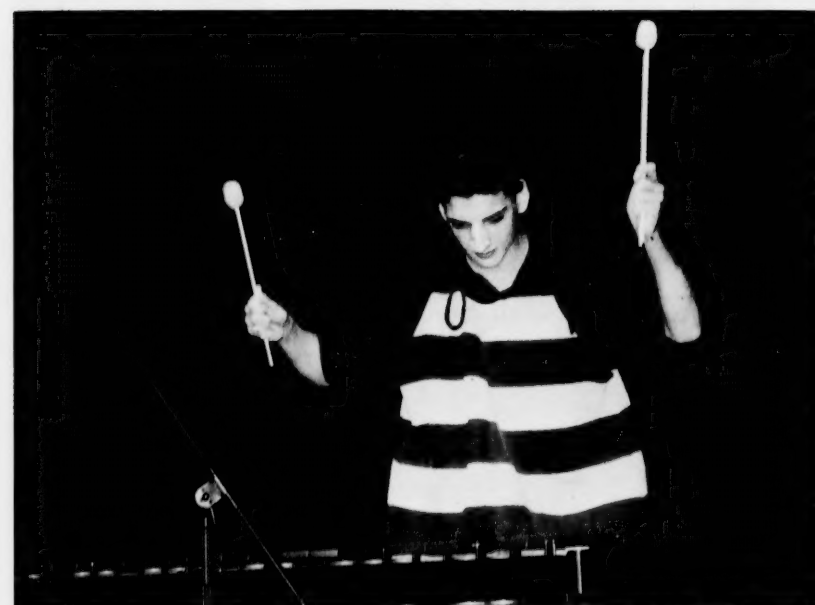
to avoid another year of cuts to educational programs and to satisfy a state order for the high school to hire more teachers. The proposed school budget is \$48.6 million, about \$1.1 million more than Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski originally set aside in his budget for fiscal year 2005.

Major said he opposed the use of so much free cash in part because he believes it will force the town to seek a tax override next year just to maintain the new, higher spending levels. One longtime opponent of increased taxes, resident Christine Holmes, said she would probably support Major's amendment for that reason.

"If there's some way to keep taxes down, I'm absolutely in favor of that," said Holmes, a Republican Party activist who intends to attend Town Meeting. "We've been taking funds for some time that are

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New air unit sought for Collins Center for Arts



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Collins Center is used for community performances, and as an auditorium for Andover High School. Above, Anthony Prochilo performed at the center as part of the Mr. AHS contest.

By Ben Hellman

Town leaders agree the 22-year-old heating and cooling system at the Collins Center needs replacing. They will tell Town Meeting voters they are better off paying \$475,000 to replace it, than continuing to pay to maintain the existing, failing machinery.

Article 29 would replace six HVAC units on the roof of the Collins Center at Andover High School. The article requires two-thirds support from residents attending Town Meeting. Its \$475,000 cost would be paid over 15 years.

The HVAC system provides heating, ventilation and air conditioning for the hallways and classrooms around the Collins Center, as well as in the auditorium. Such units have a normal useful life of 15 years and delaying replacement of the system has led to more frequent service failures, said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director.

The system was not upgraded during the Andover High School construction project, although the project was under way seven years ago, when the system was at the end of its useful life.

"When the high school project was begun these units weren't a priority," said Piantedosi, who was hired in 1996.

The AHS renovation and addition project was completed in 1998. The Collins Center was closed and used as a storage facility during the AHS construction project. There were few changes made to the center as part of the project. Some of the chairs were changed to make the center handicap accessible, and its fire-alarm system was replaced.

The Collins Center HVAC system is run constantly in the summer to prevent mold, as there are no opening windows in the auditorium and stage area of the center, and it is not easy to air out. Dampness is also a fac-

tor, said Piantedosi. "The building was built in a very, very wet area," he said.

Replacing all the units at once will be cheaper for the town because a crane must be rented to lift them onto the roof, said Piantedosi. Serious failures could force the town to buy expensive parts for the units that will not be useful when the entire system is replaced, he said. "Could you delay them for a year and cross your fingers? You probably could, but it increases the chances of the system failing and (the town having to make expensive repairs)," said Piantedosi.

The article will not affect residents' 2005 tax bills. The peak year of payment would be 2007 and would account for \$4 on the average tax bill.

The Finance Committee, Selectmen and School Committee have all recommended approval of this article.

Article 15

Town seeks to stop publishing warrant in newspaper

The selectmen and Finance Committee say there are better ways to spend the town's money than paying to publish the full text of all Town Meeting warrant articles in the newspaper. As a result, they will try to change the town's bylaws.

Randy Hanson, town clerk, has said Andover has spent between \$6,000 and \$10,000 per year to publish the warrant in the newspaper, averaging \$7,374, based on receipts from the last five years.

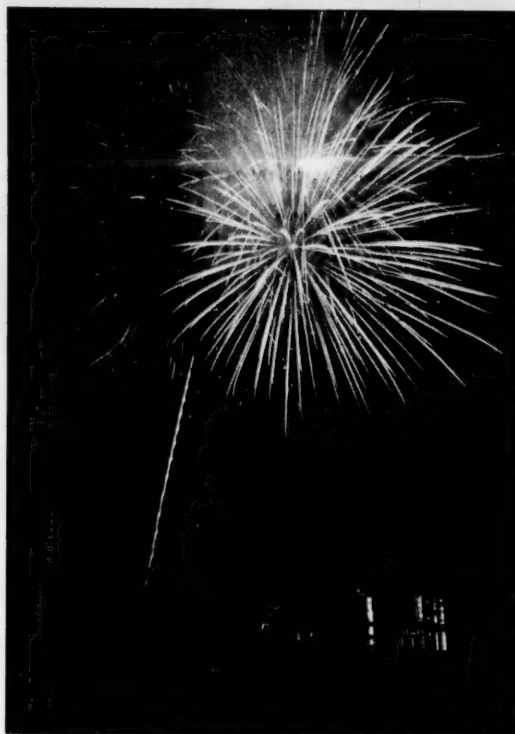
Copies of the warrant are available online, at Memorial

Hall Library and at Town Offices. She said copies of the Finance Committee Report – which contain the warrant and many committee recommendations – are mailed to each household about 10 days before Town Meeting. The text of the warrant is available in the newspaper more than a month earlier. This year it was published in the *Townsmen* on March 4.

If the article passes, the town will publish a list of the titles of each article only. A list of the article titles for this year's Town Meeting appears below.

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Town Meeting will decide whether Andover fireworks should be paid, at least in part, by taxes.

Article 13

\$9,000 for fireworks

By Ben Hellman

Fireworks lovers did not get lucky with article 13 at last year's Town Meeting. But the article – an effort to have July 4 fireworks paid through taxes – is back this year with greater support from leaders.

Article 13 requests \$9,000 from free cash to support fireworks at Andover's 2004 Independence Day celebration. The article will probably be amended to seek a lesser amount at Town Meeting, said requester Jerry Silverman.

Town Meeting 2003 voted down Silverman's request. Selectmen were split on the issue and waited until 2003 Town Meeting to voice their opinions. The Finance Committee recommended disapproval after a tight vote, said Chairwoman Joanne Marden.

But this year, both boards have recommended approval.

Marden said her committee had another close vote, but is recommending approval. Selectman Ted Teichert, who supported the article both years, said he did not know what changed his fellow selectmen's minds. "I think it's a community-spirit thing," said Teichert.

Marden said the irony is that in a \$114 million budget, whether to spend \$9,000 for fireworks is a more explosive issue than other, more expensive items.

Last year, Silverman raised \$12,000 in donations after Town Meeting voted down his article. Silverman intends to raise a large part of the money for fireworks this year and will have collection jars at Town Meeting. In past years, businesses have agreed to put fireworks collection jars on their counters. Silverman said the jars would appear after Town Meeting.

Article 35

\$1.2M more for sewers?

By Andrea Gregory

It will take an additional \$1.25 million to proceed with the town sewer expansion project, according to officials. Most of the money will be used for the final stage of the sewer project, said Jack Petkus, public works director. He said the town needs authorization to fund the remainder of the project before going out to bid.

In 2001, the town was aware it would need to replace the Shawsheen Interceptor and thought it could offset the cost with unused sewer funds, said Petkus. He said the town did not believe was a need to go back to Town Meeting at that time.

According to Petkus, the Department of Environmental Protection said to hook up the new sewer project, the pipe in the Stevens Street and North Main Street area needed to be replaced on account of an overflow that happened in May 2000.

Petkus said additional money is the only thing holding back the project at this point. He said within days or at least weeks of a Town Meeting authorization, the final phase will go out to bid. Without the additional funding, there will be no way for the town to finish the project, and work would be put on hold until Town Meeting grants use of additional funds.

More on warrant article 35 can be found in the Feb. 5 addition of the *Townsmen*.

Article 32

Center will cost \$5 million to build

SENIOR CENTER

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"There's never a good time," says Urquhart. "The seniors and the task force are very sensitive to the economic times. The cost will never be less. Time-wise it's the time to do it. I certainly hope it does pass."

"If there's never a good time to build a senior center, at least this is the right time," says Robb. "Nobody would argue this is a good time to do anything based on the town's current financial situation, but the town needs to continue operating. The present facility, which we've been using as a senior center for the past 20 years, just isn't working for the programs we want to do."

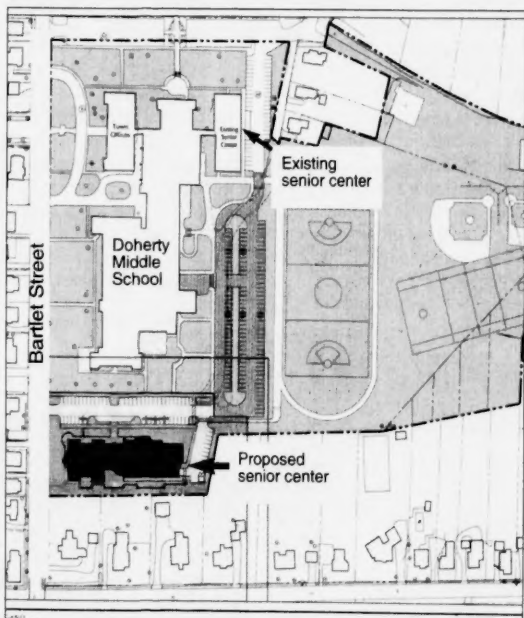
If plans continue to move forward, Andover could have a new senior center by the end of 2006. The concept plans show a two-story 28,100 square foot building that looks much like an oversized house. Robb said the look is very "Andover" and will offer a more inviting feel to seniors in the community than the bottom floor of the school administration building, the current home of the center. At times, the senior center uses 16 other locations for programs.

Robb says he believes a persuasive argument at Town Meeting will convince people it is time to approve money to design plans for a new senior center.

"This senior center is a really small project in the scope of what the town does," says Robb. "This particular project would be paid for by people saying yes this is a good project and I'm willing to pay a little bit more in my taxes for it."



A look at what the proposed senior center would look like, as viewed from the side of Doherty Middle School, looking south. Supporters wanted the building to feel more like a house than an institution.



The proposed senior center would also be downtown, but more than twice the size of the existing senior center on the bottom floor of the school administration building.

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PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Millions in sewers, water, road work

By Andrea Gregory
High Plain Road reconstruction at Fish Brook - Article 20

Town Meeting voters will decide if they should spend \$900,000 on street repairs on a narrow area of road that floods during heavy rains.

High Plain Road has been giving school bus drivers and the fire department problems for years due to the narrow width of the road. According to Public Works Director Jack Petkus when the large vehicles are confronted by oncoming traffic, it creates a dangerous situation and calls for one of the drivers to pull off the road. The same stretch of pavement is also prone to flooding. The money would be used to raise and widen this portion of the street.

More on warrant article 20 can be found in the April 8 addition of the Townsman.

Water meters - Article 25

Spending \$1,800,000 will allow Andover to upgrade every water meter in town. Half of this amount is being asked for at this year's Town Meeting.

Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve spending \$900,000 this year and another \$900,000 next year to replace about 11,000 water meters in homes and businesses.

The new system will eliminate having town employees go



Heavy spring rains flooded High Plain Road this year, at a narrow stretch near Fish Brook. The town is looking to spend \$900,000 to raise and widen the road in this area.

inside each building to read the meters. Wires connected to the meters will transfer calculations to a small, gray plastic boxes attached to the outside of a building. A town employee will be able to pick up a reading from a few hundred feet away using a hand-held computer, said Petkus. If this article is approved, residents can expect to receive a water bill four times per year.

rather than twice per year.

More on warrant article 25 can be found in the May 15 addition of the Townsman.

Other DPW articles

Article 27 asks Town Meeting voters to approve putting \$250,000 toward replacing water mains as part of Andover's ongoing Water Distribution Maintenance and Improvement program.

Article 36 calls for \$100,000 to replace old defective sewer lines in town. It is part of a multi-year maintenance program.

Article 47 asks for \$400,000 to be transferred from water reserves to inspect and rehabilitate the town's water storage tanks. This follows the 2003 Town Meeting decision approving \$80,000 for plans on how to conduct the rehabilitation.

Article 31

\$600,000 would buy new fire truck

By Andrea Gregory

When Jim Landry, firefighter union president, stepped onto the 1982 Mack ladder truck parked in front of the West Fire Station on Monday, a large piece of rusted metal fell off. The step to board the driver's side of the truck is fastened to the truck's deteriorating frame by rusty, old bolts.

If Town Meeting approves buying a new truck for \$600,000, the ladder truck will be taken out of commission.

"It's really getting to the point now where it has to be replaced or it's going to be taken out of service," said Landry. "It's just falling apart."

As Landry opens and closes the doors on the truck, he proves his point, as more metal falls away.

Rust lines the outside of the vehicle and inside the rust has eaten away enough that, in some places, there are holes large enough to fit a hand through. "There are more holes in it all the time. You go through a puddle, the guy on (the passenger's side) gets wet," he said pointing to several holes in the floor of the vehicle.

"I drove this truck since the day it was brand new," said Landry. But even when the truck first arrived in Andover, it was accompanied with problems. It was too big. The truck that rises over 12 feet from the ground has never been able to make it under the Central Street bridge, said Landry.

The truck the town is hoping to buy is described as smaller and easier to maneuver.

The old truck is supposed to be the back-up ladder truck, but Landry said it is used often. Twice a year, the main ladder truck receives routine maintenance work, and the old ladder fills in. That was the case this week, said Landry. He said the old ladder truck is also on the scene of every building fire.

Landry said the town had put off repairs that should have been done five or six years ago. Now the condition is worse and, with pieces of the truck continually

falling away, it is beyond repair and simply needs to be replaced, he said.

The orange inspection sticker on the windshield will expire in August. Landry said he doubts it will pass.

There is some discrepancy between officials as to how the vehicle should be purchased. The selectmen would like to purchase the truck with money from free cash. The Finance Committee is recommending the town borrow the money. The article needs a two-thirds vote to pass.



The town is looking to replace the fire department's oldest ladder truck, which is rusting.

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Serve your country, keep your pay

By Ben Hollman

Town employees called to military service will still be paid the same amount if article 19 is passed by Town Meeting.

Veteran's Services Director John Doherty created article 19, to ensure the town will pick up the difference between military pay and the pay employees would have received if they were not called to duty. "It's a safety net provision. It's obviously the right thing to do," said Doherty.

The article accepts a state law that applies to military service between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 11, 2005, when the law expires. So far, no employee has proven eligible for the benefit.

Only one employee may be eligible currently for the provision, said Doherty. Stephen Fields, a human-resources department employee, was called to service on Sept. 11, 2001 and did not return to work until September this year. The pay is retroactive and Fields has not yet done the paperwork to find out if he qualifies for additional pay from the town, he said.

Doherty said a public safety officer who was called to service in June might be the only other employee to qualify, he said.

Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the School Committee recommend approval.

On hold:

Commission demolition

By Ben Hollman

Toppling the Ballardvale Historic District Commission will have to wait until next year, said resident Deborah Brown, sponsor of a Town Meeting article to end the district.

Brown, of Tewksbury Street, charges commissioners with meddling in others' lives by restricting what Ballardvale residents can do to their houses or yards. Her anger stems from a July 2003 incident when the commission did not allow her neighbor to replace a wooden fence with a plastic one. Brown eventually submitted article 34 to eliminate the district.

But Brown received a letter from Town Manager Buzz Staczynski in February, including correspondence from Town Counsel Tom Urbelis and district commissioner Chris Huntress, that showed two cases knocking down similar attempts by residents of Foxboro and Norwood to rescind historic districts.

Brown said she must provide an investigation and report of all the buildings in the district. Brown is currently a full-time student and said she has not had the time to thoroughly investigate the legal precedents.

She has decided to withdraw her article, but only for the year. She wants to ensure her article will have the desired effect if approved. "A lot of people are really mad," said Brown. "I want them to be mad when it has to count."



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

The Franciscan Center area could become the home to a 10-house subdivision and a school for autistic children.

Developer offers deed restriction to get sewers

River Road site would be for homes, schools

By Andrea Gregory

When developer Ed Doherty first saw the land next to the Franciscan Friary on River Road he thought, *This is a good spot for a cul-de-sac with 10 homes.* When representatives from Melmark New England - an autistic school for children based in Woburn - first visited the Christian Formation Center on that same site, they thought, *This should be our home.* Town Meeting will play a role in what happens to the site.

Specifically, Town Meeting voters will decide whether to allow selectmen to enter into a municipal sewer agreement with Lowell and Tewksbury to provide sewer hook-up to the site at 459 River Road. The connection would service the existing Franciscan Friary; the formation center, which would become the location of the school; and Doherty's proposed neighborhood. Without approval, the school cannot move to Andover. If the article is defeated, Doherty says he still will build the 10 homes, but with septic systems.

Doherty plans to amend his warrant article on the floor of Town Meeting to place a deed restriction on the site that would not allow it to be used for Ch. 40B developments.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis said such a restriction cannot guarantee the property would never be used for a Ch. 40B project. The state Department of Community Housing and Development said no one has ever created a Ch. 40B deed restriction in Massachusetts, to its knowledge.

Under Ch. 40B, the so-called anti-snob zoning law, developers of multi-unit housing projects can skirt local zoning regulations in exchange for selling or renting 25 percent of the units below market rate. The town is currently in a legal struggle regarding a large 40B project on River Road called AvalonBay, the idea of which is unpopular with neighbors.

Doherty knows there is a stigma attached to 40B projects in Andover. He believes his request last year for Town Meeting approval to allow a sewer hook-up to his property was denied because of the AvalonBay project, which is also proposed for River Road. The vote on his request came after residents discussed rescinding a previous sewer authorization that had allowed AvalonBay to propose its project.

This year, Doherty is still having difficulty convincing some selectmen that if he is granted a sewer connection, it will not lead to a 40B project. He said his article limits the gallonage the new sewers could hold, which he said should serve as a safeguard against a 40B project.

Doherty said he can build his homes without a sewer connection. Each of the houses will sit on one-acre lots. The ground has been tested and he can install individual septic systems to each house, he said. But given the proximity to the Merrimack River, it would make more sense if the homes could connect to sewer, he said.

However, the failing septic system between the Franciscan Friary and the Christian Formation Center is not

suitable to serve a school.

Rita Gardner, executive director of Melmark New England, said her school's commitment to move to Andover is contingent upon article 16 passing at Town Meeting. The school workers want to move the school here.

"From the moment we saw it, it has been our first choice," said Gardner about the site. "We are excited about the opportunity to have a permanent home, and it's time."

Melmark has been operating out of a Woburn office park since 1998. It currently serves 75 children between the ages of 4 and 22. Moving into the Christian Formation Center space would allow the school to serve 110 kids and take a few names off its long waiting list, said Gardner.

"For a lot of children, it would be closer. We have a number of Andover children. We are very excited about the opportunity to bring those kids closer to home," she said. "We are hoping things come together. If this (article 16 passes) we're ready to roll."

According to Gardner, the school would move into the building in May 2005.

The Planning Board has recommended approval of the warrant article with the condition that the 40B deed restriction amendment is approved and the specific uses noted in the article are carried out. Selectmen have recommended disapproval. Article 16 requires a majority vote, not a two-thirds vote, as written in the FinCom report, according to Selectman Mary Lyman.

Risk management: Budget does not include workers' raises

■ BUDGET

Continued from page 9

one-time funds and using them to supplement the operating budget. And that's always a very dangerous policy."

Bill Pennington, president of

the West Middle School Parent Advisory Council, said he would vote against any Town Meeting amendment that reduces spending on the schools. But Pennington said he understands why Major has

problems with the use of more free cash.

"Brian's looking at the worst-case scenario," Pennington said. "Obviously he feels he represents a portion of the community that feels the same way."

"The real solution long-term is a tax override for the town operating budget, because this short-term measure is a risky proposition. The leaders of this town haven't give me a real good choice," he said.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Hardball dramatics for Warriors

AHS impresses by beating 2 league favorites; boys lax, girls track & field teams excel

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High boys lacrosse team is opening eyes with its play this spring.

Looking every bit a tournament qualifier and a Merrimack Valley Conference title challenger, the Golden Warrior lacrosse team remained undefeated (4-0) and continued their string of lopsided wins with a very satisfying 16-7 non-league romp over visiting North Andover.

Senior attack Toby Cohen and sophomore midfielder Buddy Farnham led the way with four goals each in the first night game of the season under the lights at Lovely Field.

"We didn't say anything before the game or make it a big deal, but everyone knew we had never beaten North Andover before," said AHS head coach Wayne Puglisi.

"We wanted very much to beat them. This was a big one."

As Puglisi spoke there were loud shouts coming from the victorious Andover locker room.

"This one is definitely and totally their victory," said the coach, referring to the players. "The team effort overshadowed any individual performances."

"Every player who took the field contributed — including several who don't see much action but were outstanding in brief spurts."

Chris Burns, head coach of perennial MVC and state power Billerica, was also impressed as he scouted the Golden Warriors from the stands hours after his team had beaten Chelmsford, 10-7.

"This is the best Andover team I've seen," said Burns. "They play well together and they'll be very tough for any opponent to beat."

The first Andover-Billerica game is April 27 at Andover, and the rematch at Billerica is May 10.

The Andover High girls track and field team is once again looking very special.

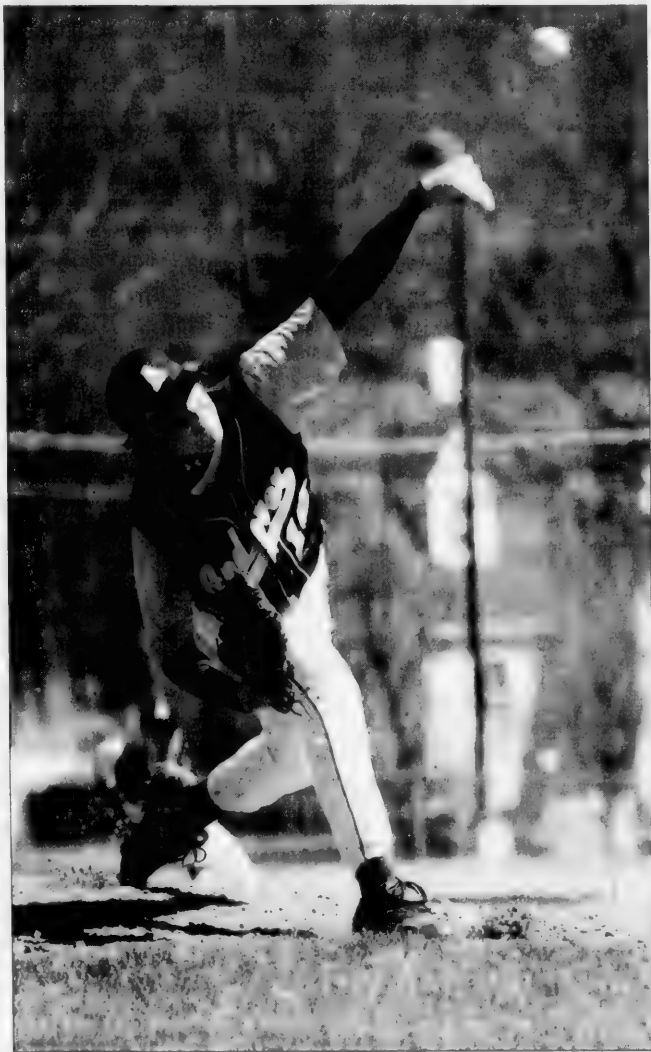
In their first multi-team test of the spring, the Lady Warriors topped a field of 14 schools on the way to winning the championship at the sixth Tewksbury Invitational.

The reigning Eastern Mass. Class A (Division 1) champs chalked up 128 points to finish five ahead of the only real challenger, host team Tewksbury, which checked in with 123.

The scariest thing for Andover's opponents is that all but 10 of the team's 128 points were scored by underclassmen.

The AHS girls also remained undefeated in Merrimack Valley Conference dual meets with a resounding 47-point win over previously-unbeaten Lowell.

The AHS varsity baseball team launched its Merrimack Valley Conference schedule by coming from behind to beat the two teams acknowledged by the majority of coaches as league



Left, starting pitcher Pat Bateson fires a pitch toward the plate as Andover High hosted Chelmsford on Tuesday afternoon. At right, Joel Keefe makes contact. Keefe scored the tying run as Andover came from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning to win 6-5.

Division 1 co-favorites.

Strong relief pitching from Kyle Ahern, and key sixth-inning hits by Matt Hennessy and Jarrett Mackin, lifted the Golden Warriors past Central Catholic, 6-2, at Peter Aumais Park.

On Tuesday, reliever Jon Volinski threw one pitch to pick up the win and sophomore Andrew Hennessy lined a two-out, two-strike pitch for a dramatic two-run single as AHS nipped Chelmsford, 6-5, also at Aumais Park.

BASEBALL

It's still very early — but the kids are looking all right.

Andover is 3-1 overall, 2-0 in the MVC, and the Golden Warriors' play thus far is evoking memories of the golden decade from 1990-99 when AHS baseball peaked with two State Division 1 titles, regular appearances in the Division 1 North Tournament final and more than 150 wins.

Schedule

Andover played at Billerica (1-4) today (Thursday), and the Comeback Kids step out of the conference Saturday morning (10 a.m.) at Woburn High.

Next week the Golden Warriors enjoy a mini-homestand with three MVC games at Aumais Park (all 3:30) against Dracut (Monday), Methuen (Wednesday) and Lowell (Friday).

Andover 6 Chelmsford 5

Trailing 5-3 after Chelmsford broke a 3-3 tie with two runs in the top of the seventh, Andover rallied impressively for the victory in the bottom of the inning.

Consecutive walks to sophomore Paul Malaguti, Capt. Brian Buckley and Joel Keefe loaded the bases.

Capt. Ryan Shepard laid down a safety squeeze bunt between the pitcher's mound and first base, beating it out for a hit as Malaguti raced home to make it 5-4.

Things looked bleak, however, when a fielder's choice grounder nailed Buckley at the plate and the next batter fanned for the second out.

Poised sophomore Andrew Hennessy then worked the count full before slicing a clutch two-run single several feet inside the left field line, chasing home Keefe with the tying run and Shepard with the game-winner.

"We didn't hit the ball particularly well, and we had to play catch-up all day, but what a great way to end the game," said AHS head coach Ken Maglio. "A terrific at-bat and piece of hitting by Hennessy."

"The kids never gave up and we hung tough with some strong defense."

Chelmsford (2-3, 1-1 MVC) grabbed a 3-0 lead in the top of the third, before AHS fought back with a run in the fourth and two in the fifth to tie.

In the fourth Keefe singled, moved to third on Shepard's infield out and a wild pitch, and scored when junior

Matt Hogan hoisted a sacrifice fly to left field.

In the fifth freshman Dan Godefroi singled to right. Jarrett Mackin beat out a bunt single. Malaguti bunted the pair into scoring position, and Buckley ripped a two-run double to the gap in left-center for a 3-3 tie.

Junior lefty Patrick Bateson pitched the first 6 2/3 innings, allowing only three hits and fanning five. But his wildness (seven walks) allowed the Lions to stay in the game.

With two runs already across and the bases loaded in the Chelmsford seventh, Jon Volinski (1-0) relieved and threw one pitch.

The batter grounded out to Malaguti at short, and when the Golden Warriors rallied in the home half Volinski picked up the victory.

Maglio lauded the defensive work of Buckley at third base, Hogan with several error-saving scoops at first, and Shepard behind the plate.

The Andover catcher is now 2-for-2

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BASEBALL

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in cutting down would-be bases-tealers after throwing out a Chelmsford runner.

Anthony Perry contributed a pair of hits for Andover. Kevin Delaney laced two hits for Chelmsford and Bobby Brown collected two RBI.

The Lions opened the season with a rugged schedule, bowing 2-0 to Brockton and 6-5 to New Bedford in the annual Baseball Showcase before stunning the No. 3 team in Eastern Mass., B.C. High, 2-0.

Andover 6
Central Catholic 2

Trailing host Central 2-1 in the sixth, Andover mounted a two-out, five-run uprising for the win.

Ryan Shepard started the decisive rally with a single to center and Matt Hogan followed with a single to left.

Anthony Perry lifted a ball to center — and when the Raiders' outfielder got twisted around the ball fell cleanly for an RBI double to tie the game, 2-2.

Once again a Hennessy brother came through when it mattered most, this time pinch-hitter Matt ripping a go-ahead two-run single to center.

Dan Godefroi kept the inning alive with another single to left, and Jarrett Mackin provided insurance with a long two-run double to left.

The first AHS run came in the top of the first when Mackin reached on an error, Malaguti bunted him along, Brian Buckley singled to left and Mackin scored on Joel Keefe's sac-fly to left.

Central came back with its only runs in the bottom of the frame, parlaying three walks, a fielder's choice grounder and a delayed double steal for two runs off starter Patrick Bateson.

"We went to throw the runner out at second — and the kid on third beat the return throw home," said Maglio.

For a long time it looked like that play might hold up as the game-winner, with Andover blanked until the pivotal sixth.

Kyle Ahern (2-0) pitched the final five innings for the locals, whitewashing Central while holding the visitors to one hit. He struck out three and issued four walks in a masterful performance.

"They helped us a little when their defense let down with the misjudged fly ball," said Maglio. "But our kids have already shown they know how to dig in and battle back."

"We've done it twice and that does a lot for the confidence."

Mackin and Perry led a 12-hit attack with two safeties each.

SOFTBALL

Caitlin Carpentier fired a three-hitter and struck out seven, while slugging first baseman Emily Farmer tripled home the



Head Coach Ken Maglio (center) fires up the Golden Warriors between innings Tuesday as Andover hosted Chelmsford. The inspiration worked as Andover rallied to win, 6-5.

winning run, as the Andover High varsity softball team launched its Merrimack Valley Conference schedule with a 2-1 victory over host Methuen.

"Caitlin has done an excellent job in our first four games," said AHS head coach Stephanie Ragucci. "She should be one of the best pitchers in the conference this season."

"And Emily Farmer is back! She hadn't been feeling well but today she was fine and it showed at the plate," said Ragucci.

"We're starting to hit the ball a little better, and defensively we've played two straight games (North Reading, Methuen) without making an error."

Schedule

The Lady Warriors, 2-2 overall and 1-0 MVC, returned to action yesterday after *Townsmen* presstime with a home game against Dracut and tough Middies' pitcher Erin Daly.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning the locals play Lawrence at Hayden-Schofield Playstead (11 a.m.), and next Monday perennial Division 1 power Chelmsford comes to Andover (3:30 p.m.).

A non-league home game against Our Lady of Nazareth Academy of Wakefield, rained out last week, has been tentatively re-scheduled for May 20.

Andover 2
Methuen 1

Methuen inched ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the second when Kelly Waldron led off the inning by belting a solo homer to left field.

Caitlin Carpentier then shut down the Rangers for the final five innings.

Andover tied it with two outs in the top of the third, after the first two AHS batters struck out.

Lindsey Timko beat out a bunt single, stole second and Capt. Liz Pallotta walked. Both advanced on a passed ball, and

Emily Farmer's hot shot to the shortstop was juggled for an error as Timko raced home.

The locals broke the 1-1 tie in the fifth when sophomore Maria Nasta walked, and Farmer clouted a two-out RBI triple down the left field line to plate the winning run.

The Rangers threatened in the sixth with a one-out single and stolen base. The next batter grounded to second baseman Nasta, who threw to Farmer for the out at first.

The Methuen runner circled third and kept coming to the plate with the potential tying run. But she was out by plenty as Farmer fired a strike to catcher Lauren Vieira who slapped on the tag.

"I think the runner was trying to catch us napping but it just didn't happen," said Ragucci.

Andover finished with four hits, two by Farmer, Timko's bunt and a single by sophomore Emily Cummings.

Methuen pitcher Everson went the distance and struck out 11 while issuing three walks.

Defensively, Ragucci cited Capt. Vieira who threw out a runner trying to steal, Cummings in center field and the entire infield of Maggie Hanlon at third, Pallotta at short, Nasta and Farmer.

Anderson no-hitter

Varsity backup pitcher Katie Anderson, a freshman in need of some work, started for the Andover JVs against Methuen and fired a no-hitter.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Andover High girls varsity lacrosse team, 1-0 and idle for 13 days after scheduled games against Masconomet Regional and Ipswich were rained out, was scheduled to return to action yesterday (after *Townsmen* presstime) at home against Algonquin Regional of

Northboro.

Coach Emily Frey's crew plays again next Tuesday afternoon at Manchester-Essex (4 p.m.).

BOYS LACROSSE

Toby Cohen added four assists to his four goals in the 16-7 triumph over North Andover, and the eight points are believed to be a single-game high for an Andover player in the brief history of the varsity program.

The locals put the game away early, with Buddy Farnham's first-quarter hat trick sparking AHS to a 7-1 lead that swelled to 12-4 by halftime.

Junior midfielder Eric Hanson contributed three goals and one assist, while Mike Lamagna and Bobby Grant had two goals, one assist each.

Andrew Boudreau completed the attack with one goal.

Zach Gostanian went the distance in net and finished with 12 saves.

"It was a physical game but our players did a good job keeping their cool," said coach Wayne Puglisi.

"We're taking this one step at a time and so far things are working out great."

North Andover had beaten AHS six straight times prior to this game.

Last year the Scarlet Knights won by an almost-identical 17-7 score, in 2002 it was 8-6, in 2001 NA won twice by 11-7 and 9-4 scores and in 2000 there were a pair of one-goal Andover losses, 7-6 and 8-7.

Schedule

Andover returns to action today (Thursday) with a noon non-league home game against Lexington at the Shawsheen Field.

Saturday coach Puglisi's

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BOYS LACROSSE

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alma mater, Londonderry, N.H. High, will be at Andover for a 1 p.m. game.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High boys varsity volleyball team completed an impressive run with three shutout wins on consecutive days, whitewashing Dracut (2-0), crosstown rival Phillips Academy (3-0) and Westford Academy (2-0).

Those victories, which also completed a four-win week, boosted the locals to 6-2 overall and 5-2 in Merrimack Valley Conference play.

Through eight matches AHS is hitting at 82 percent accuracy, with 130 kills, and serving at 91 percent with 24 aces.

Schedule

Coach George Sullivan's Golden Warriors are back in action tomorrow night with a makeup match at Methuen (6:30 p.m.).

Next Tuesday night begins a stretch of four tough matches against St. John's Prep of Danvers (away), Wednesday at Billerica, Friday home versus Chelmsford and Monday, May 3 at home against Lawrence.

Andover 2
Dracut 0

After falling behind early in both games, the Golden Warriors got down to business and rolled to a 30-19, 30-17 sweep at the Dunn Gym.

Senior 6'7" middle hitter Ian McMahon and Capt. Jake Klein-

man both finished with seven kills. McMahon 17-for-18 hitting and Kleinman 13-for-15.

Other top offensive players were Chris James (9-for-9 hitting, two kills) and sophomore Alex Levine in his first varsity appearance (7-for-7, two kills).

Jerry Mohan was 3-for-3 with two kills, Darren McRoy 2-for-3 with one kill and Capt. Sean Cummings 2-for-3.

McRoy also finished 13-for-14 serving, with two aces, while Sam Silverman and Dan Jun were both 11-for-12 with one ace.

Kleinmen went 9-for-9, with three aces, James 5-for-6, Levine 3-for-3 and Cummings 3-for-3 at the service line.

As a team, AHS was 54-for-61 hitting and 55-for-59 serving (93 percent) with 21 kills and seven aces.

Pardeep Thandi sparked the defense with 15 digs.

The AHS junior varsity slammed Dracut, 2-0, with 30-14 and 30-22 game scores.

Top players were Matt Jacobs (11-12 hitting, four kills, 8-for-8 serving), Alex Day (6-for-7 hitting), Adam Spang (12-for-12 serving, four aces), Tyler Carroll (11-for-11 serving, one ace), Pat McGovern (8-for-8 serving, one ace) and Mike Giannopoulos (8-for-8 serving).

Andover 3
Phillips Academy 0

In a match that counts on the record but not towards MIAA Tournament qualification, the Golden Warriors won the best-of-5 battle with their prep school host 30-21, 30-26 and 30-27.

"We wanted to be awake and aggressive from start to finish -

and we did control the entire match," said coach Sullivan. "Phillips has a couple of very good players, but we benefitted from their hitting a number of returns into the net."

Serving well for Andover were Darren McRoy, a perfect 13-for-13, Dan Jun (12-for-14), Sam Silverman (11-for-12), Sean Cummings (8-for-10), Chris James (7-for-9) and Alex Levine (5-for-5).

Controlling the front row were Ian McMahon, 17-for-19 hitting with five kills, and Jake Kleinman 14-for-17 with four kills.

Jerry Mohan was a perfect 10-for-10 hitting, with two kills, while James went 13-for-15, Cummings 12-for-14, McRoy 6-for-6, Levine 6-for-8 and Nick Assad 2-for-4.

Pardeep Thandi was a defensive standout once again.

In the junior varsity prelim, Andover improved to 7-0 with a 2-0 sweep of the Phillips JV-B squad.

Andover 2
Westford Academy 0

The host Grey Ghosts made it interesting as Andover squeezed out a 31-29 overtime victory in Game 1 before completing the sweep with a 30-24 triumph in Game 2.

"This was our fourth match in five days and the kids were dragging. They looked and played tired - but still well enough to beat a team whose record (2-6) is very deceptive," said coach Sullivan.

Jake Kleinman and Ian McMahon topped the hit parade, the former with 19-for-21, five kills and the latter 14-for-22.

four kills.

Jerry Mohan contributed three kills and 5-for-9. Chris James two kills and 10-for-12. Sean Cummings two kills and 4-for-8.

Adding one kill each were Darren McRoy (8-for-9) and Alex Levine (5-for-7).

Sam Silverman was the leading AHS server, 13-for-13 with three aces, while McRoy went 10-for-12 and Kleinman 7-for-8 with an ace apiece.

Chris James finished 10-for-11, setter Dan Jun 7-for-8, Cummings 3-for-4 and Levine 2-for-3.

There was no JV match.

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team entered the vacation week undefeated, improving to 4-0 in the Merrimack Valley Conference with a 4-1 triumph over host Lowell at the Shedd Park courts.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors are off this week and return to the asphalt next Monday with a non-conference makeup match at Reading High (3:30 p.m.).

Next Thursday the locals play their fourth straight away match at Chelmsford (3:30 p.m.), hoping to knock off the two-time reigning MVC champs.

Andover 4
Lowell 1

The Golden Warriors won four of the five matches in straight sets, sweeping doubles behind the strong play of the Josh Caplan/Jeremy Hogan and Mike Zakin/Max Chistyakov tandems.

Junior Caplan and sophomore Hogan were involved in the closest match of the day, outstroking Lowell's Richard Willey and Long Nguyen 6-4, 6-3.

"Josh and Jeremy struggled early, but got more comfortable as the match went along," said AHS coach Mike Wartman.

Junior Zakin and senior Chistyakov controlled their match from the outset on the way to a 6-0, 6-1 romp over Jordan Ellis and Justin Lipomi.

Two senior captains were winners in singles play, No. 2 Jason Edelstein pounding out a 6-3, 6-1 win over the Red

Raiders' Alvaro Soares and No. 3 Brian Axelrod drilling Ryan White 6-0, 6-1.

"Jason mixed up his shots well and kept his opponent off balance," said Wartman. "Brian dominated from start to finish."

Lowell (1-3) became the first opponent this spring to win a team point against the Golden Warriors, as first singles stand-out Helder Nogueira topped Andover Capt. Avi Lasser 6-1, 6-3.

"There were a lot of long points - and Avi played well in spurts," said Wartman. "It was good to see him pushed. It's the first tough match of the season and next time they meet Avi will play better against him (Nogueira)."

TRACK & FIELD

Individual winners for the Andover girls at the Tewksbury Invitational were long jumper Meghan Keefe, sprinter Caroline Pierce, hurdler Brittany Pierce and Felicia Thompson in the discus.

The untouchable 4x100 sprint relay comprised of Jenny Dlesk, Amanda Carlson and the Pierce twins also raced to victory.

In the latest dual meet, the Lady Warriors improved to 3-0 after registering a resounding 95 2/3 to 48 1/3 win over Division I rival Lowell at the Red Raiders' Cawley Memorial Stadium. In AHS boys, in a major showdown with unbeaten Lowell, fell from the undefeated ranks with a close 76-69 loss.

They also made an impressive showing at the annual Haverhill Invitational, chalking up 52 points to finish fourth in a 21-school field.

Schedule

The locals hosted the 2004 MVC Relays yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, at Lovely Field.

Next Wednesday MVC crossover rival Dracut and crosstown prep school foe Phillips Academy will be at Lovely Field for a tri-meet (3:30 p.m.).

Tewksbury
Girls Invitational

AHS picked up 50 of its 128 points with the five first-place

finishes, winning this meet for the second time in its six-year history.

Although Tewksbury put up a good fight, the locals left everyone else in the dust as Haverhill placed third with 66 points. Central Catholic had 59 and 2002 champ Reading rounded out the top five with 44.

The four individual Andover victors are underclassmen.

Sophomore Caroline Pierce won the 100 meter dash with a 13.0 clocking, while sophomore Brittany Pierce flashed across the finish line first in the 100 high hurdles in 16.1.

Junior long jumper Meghan Keefe soared 14'7", while junior Felicia Thompson uncorked a 111-foot discus toss that was three feet farther than her nearest competitor.

The incomparable sprint relay of Pierce, Capt. Amanda Carlson, Pierce and junior Jenny Dlesk broke the tape in 50.8 seconds.

Contributing eight points each with their strong runner-up efforts were Brittany Pierce in the triple jump (33'0"), junior pole vaulter Libby Fortier who cleared the bar at 7'6", junior Brittany Moriarty in the 800 meters (2:24.7), sophomore 300 intermediate hurdler Jen Merinder (47.9) and the 4x800 meter relay quartet (10:11.5).

Moriarty lost by the narrowest of margins, as half-mile winner Christy Canio of Haverhill was a split-second faster in 2:24.4, while it took meet-record performances by Tewksbury's Meghan Mootrey (46.8) and the Reading relay (10:08.7) to edge out Merinder and the AHS 4x800 foursome.

Finishing third for AHS were junior miler Michelle Pirro (5:35.2) and the 4x400 relay.

Placing fourth (top six score) were Moriarty in the triple jump (32'7"), senior pole vaulter Kerry-Ann Bartley (7'0"), Dlesk (100 meters, 13.8), junior miler Leslie Willey (5:37.0) and sophomore two-miler Courtney Hamer (12:16.0).

Grabbing fifths were Capt. Matia Kostakis (discus, 86'3") and sprint standouts Carlson (200 meters, 28.2) and junior Emily Korba (400 meters (63.9).

Junior shot putter Jessie Shields was sixth (31'3").

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BASEBALL

ANDOVER 6, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 2
at Peter Aumais Park

Central Catholic - Chris Sullivan rf 3-1-2, Mike Loomis c 4-1-2, Rick Sarmiento cf 3-0-0, Ryan Gaffney ss 3-0-0, Eric Gosse ss 3b 3-0-0, John Sullivan lf 3-0-0, Dan Lozeau p 2-0-0, Mike Gusmano 1b 2-0-0, John Penny dh 1-0-0, Pat McCarron 2b p 0-0-0 Totals: 24-2-4

Andover - Jarrett Mackin cf 4-1-2, Paul Malaguti ss 3-0-1, Brian Buckley 3b 4-0-1, Joel Keefe dh 2-0-1, Ryan Shepard c 3-1-1, Matt Hogan 1b 3-1-2, Anthony Perry lf 3-1-2, Matt Lorio 2b 2-0-0, Matt Hennessy ph 1-1-1, Dan Godefridi rf 3-1-1, Patrick Bateson p 0-0-0, Kyle Ahern p 0-0-0 Totals: 28-6-12

Central 200 000 0 - 2
Andover 100 005 0 - 6

RBI: A. Mackin 2, M. Hennessy 2, Keefe 1, Perry 1, 2B: Mackin, Perry, S. Malaguti, SF: Keefe, WP: Kyle Ahern (2-0) 5ip 1h 0r 0er 4bb 3k LP: Dan Lozeau 5 2ip 10h 6r 5er 0bb 5k Records: Andover 2-1, Central Catholic 2-2

ANDOVER 6, CHELMSFORD 5
at Peter Aumais Park

Chelmsford - Dave Leach cf 4-1-1, Jon Sartorelli ss 2-1-0, Bobby Brown 1b p 3-0-1, Kevin Delaney rf 3-0-2, Jeff Sartorelli 3b 2-0-1, Damian Schmalz 2b 3-0-0, Mike Roberts dh 1b 3-0-0, Dan DeGosse c 3-1-1, Bob Hansbury lf 1-2-0 Totals: 24-5-6

Andover - Jarrett Mackin cf 4-1-1, Paul Malaguti ss 2-1-1, Brian Buckley 3b 3-0-1, Joel Keefe dh 2-2-1, Ryan Shepard c 3-1-1, Matt Hogan 1b 3-0-0, Anthony Perry lf 4-0-2, Matt Lorio 2b 1-0-0

Peter Burke-Wallace ph 1-0-0, Andrew Hennessy 2b 1-0-1, Matt Hennessy ph 0-0-0, Dan Godefridi rf 2-1-1, Patrick Bateson p 0-0-0, Tom White p 0-0-0, Jon Volinski p 0-0-0 Totals: 26-6-9

Chelmsford 003 000 2 - 5
Andover 000 120 3 - 6

RBI: A. Buckley 2, A. Hennessy 2, Shepard 1, Hogan 1, C. Brown 2, Jeff Sartorelli 1, Jon Sartorelli 1 2B: Buckley, S. Malaguti, SF: Hogan, WP: Jon Volinski (1-0) 0 1ip 0h 0r 0er 0bb 0k Starter: Patrick Bateson 6 2ip 3h 5r 4er 7bb 5k Relief: Tom White 5ip 0h 0r 0er 2bb 0k LP: Bobby Brown (0-2) 1 2ip 3h 3r 1er 4bb 2k Starter: Derek Cotoni 4ip 4h 1r 1er 2bb 2k Records: Andover 3-1, 2-0 MVC, Chelmsford 2-3, 1-1 MVC

SOFTBALL

ANDOVER 2, METHUEN 1
at Methuen

Andover - Lindsey Timko lf 4-1-1, Liz Pallotta ss 3-0-0, Emily Farmer 1b 3-0-2, Meagan Merinder lf 3-0-0, Lauren Vieira c 3-0-0, Emily Cummings cf 3-0-1, Caitlin Carpenter p 2-0-0, Maggie Hanlon 3b 3-0-0, Maria Nasta 2b 2-1-0 Totals: 26-2-4

Methuen - Lentine 3b 1-0-0, Nader 1b 3-0-0, Everson p 3-0-0, KWaldron lf 3-1-2, Barker ss 3-0-0, EWaldron dp 3-0-0, Khoury rf 2-0-0, Pak 2b 2-0-0, Apor cf 2-0-1 Totals: 22-1-3

Andover 001 010 0 - 2
Methuen 010 000 0 - 1

RBI: A. Farmer 1, M. KWaldron 1, 3B: Farmer, HR: KWaldron, WP: Caitlin Carpenter (2-2) 7ip 3h 1r 1er 1bb 7k LP: Everson 7ip 4h 2r 1er 3bb 11k Record: Andover 2-2

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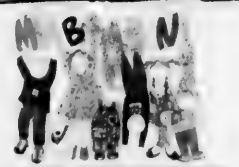
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"Kids' Comfort First" Event Schedule

AHS ROUNDUP

■ TRACK & FIELD

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Haverhill
Boys Invitational

The Andover boys scored in 11 of the 18 events at Haverhill Stadium, and their 52 points were surpassed only by champ Central Catholic (74), Brockton High (68) and Reading (60 1/3). The Golden Warriors had one winner, senior Capt. Vin Errico beating the pack in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a swift 40.4 clocking.

Capt. Ryan Durkin was second in the two-mile with a 9:56.6 effort, runner-up to nationally-ranked Brockton distance ace Keith Gill (9:36.2).

Junior Chris Cole accounted for 12 points with a pair of third-place finishes in the discus throw (137'3") and 110-meter high hurdles (16.0).

The 4x800 relay was also third in 8:32.2.

Errico added a fourth in the

triple jump, covering 40'9 3/4" which was less than seven inches behind the winner.

Also fourth was the 4x400 relay in 3:36.2.

Placing fifth were Capt. Ryan Donahue in the 100 meters (11.5) and junior Dave Checralah in the javelin throw (140'9").

A sixth place from junior miler James Primes (4:44.1) completed the AHS scoring.

In non-scoring freshman-sophomore events, John Kim was third in the shot put (41'4") while Nate Baker and Jason Sheldon tied for fourth in the 200 meters (23.6).

MVC DUAL MEETS
Andover girls 95 2/3
Lowell 48 1/3

Brittany Pierce and Felicia Thompson were double winners for the third straight meet, while Jenny Dlesk also earned a pair of individual victories for the first time, as the Lady Warriors

placed first in 12 events on the way to another lopsided triumph.

Pierce was tops in the 100 hurdles (16.5) and triple jump (34'0"), while Thompson threw the discus 113' 1/2" and the shot put 34 feet.

Jenny Dlesk broke the tape in the 100 meter (12.8) and 200 meter (27.2) dashes.

Junior standout Emily Korba raced to victory in the 400 meters (64.6), Brittany Moriarty placed first in the 800 meters (2:29.4), Michelle Pirro in the mile (5:45.6) and sophomore Jen Merinder in the 300 intermediate hurdles (49.3).

Completing the cast of top performers in the field events were pole vaulter Libby Fortier (7'0") and long jumper Meghan Keefe (15'7").

Placing second in field events were Maria Kostakis in the discus (98'4"), shot putter Jessie

Shields (31'3 3/4"), long jumper Charlene Fielding (13'11 1/2"), triple jumper Kelly Morrissey (33'0") and pole vaulter Kerry-Ann Bartley (6'6").

Individual runners-up on the track were Kelly McGowan (400 meters, 65.7), 100-meter hurdler Jen Merinder (17.0), miler Leslie Willey (5:52.1) and two-miler Courtney Hamer (12:52.8).

Completing event sweeps by placing third were Kara Bularczik in the discus throw (88'6"), Amanda Carlson in the long jump (13'7 1/2"), junior triple jumper Kayla Parker (29'5") and the tandem of Lauren Keefe and Sara Barmettler in the pole vault (6'0").

Other thirds went to junior Caitlin Delaney (javelin, 79'0"), high jumper Corinne Welsh (4'4"), Caroline Pierce (100 meters, 12.9), Carlson (200 meters, 27.9), 300-meter hurdler Lauren Vivian (54.2) and two-

miler Jazzy Dingler (12:58.0).

Lowell 76
Andover boys 89

The Golden Warriors almost pulled off a win with their depth, keeping the score close despite placing first in only six of the 17 events.

Vin Errico was a double winner for the third consecutive meet, running the 110 hurdles in 15.1 and the 300 intermediate hurdles in 42.6.

Ryan Durkin captured the two-mile in 10:18.2, Kyle MacKenzie threw the shot 46'2 1/2", Dave Checralah tossed the javelin 153'3" and the 4x400 relay of Vasili Kostakis and juniors Matt Malloy, Garrett Rayner and Robert Kaufman broke the tape in a swift 3:39.9.

AHS added eight second-place finishes, including three by Chris Cole in the discus throw (132'7"), 110 high hur-

dles (15.8) and 300 meter hurdles (43.8).

Other runners-up were Erik Fosse (javelin, 132'1"), Errico whose triple jump of 40'11 1/2" was only two inches behind winner Claudius Zorokong of Lowell, Ryan Donahue (200 meters, 23.9), Kaufman (400 meters, 52.6), Malloy (800 meters, 2:06.5) and miler Brad Sherman (4:50.4).

Joe Federico completed a sweep of the javelin with a 128'7" throw, and sophomore Adam Cuomo did the same in the 110 hurdles (16.2).

Also third were freshman Nate Baker in both the long jump (18'8") and high jump (5'6"), shot putter Mike Gustin (44'0"), pole vaulter Gabe Greeley (9'6"), Donahue (100 meters, 11.4), Rayner (400 meters, 54.2), Jimmy Muller (800 meters, 2:07.4), Durkin in the mile (4:51.2) and Sasha Seletsky in the deuce (10:51.5).

Pony League, Legion baseball signups set

The Andover Blue and Gold Pony League baseball teams, along with the Andover Post 8 American Legion team, will hold simultaneous signup/registration sessions next Wednesday night, April 28, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the West Middle School.

All players interested, which includes 13- to 15-year-olds for Pony League and 16- to 19-year-olds for Legion, should plan to register at this time.

Pony Leaguers cannot turn 16 before Aug. 1,

2004.

Both teams will begin play in mid-June and continue through late July. Playoffs could possibly carry the season into early August.

Games are played home and away against teams from numerous towns throughout northeastern Massachusetts.

For further information on the Pony League teams, call Frank Mazza at 978-475-8506.

For further information on the Legion team, call Joe Iarrobino at 978-474-0523.

CHAMPIONS — The Brooks School girls hockey team recently capped its best-ever season by winning its first Division II New England Independent School Championship. The Brooks completed the season with a 19-4 record, winning their final seven games, and in regular season Independent School League competition finished second only to Noble & Greenough, the eventual Division I New England Champion. In the both the semifinal and final games of the championship tournament, Brooks overcame 2-1 deficits with less than four minutes remaining in each game to win the crown. Making significant contributions for Brooks this season were Andover residents (from left) sophomore winger Kaitlyn Conway, junior defenseman Emily Schwarz, junior center Stephanie Miller and sophomore goalie Sara Christopher.



WHAT'S UP

AYS tunes up spring programs

By Glenn Wilson

ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES

Andover Youth Services, continuing its quest to develop a comprehensive middle school recreational sports program, announces the formation of a middle school track team.

We are working with the AHS track team and developing a six-week season of track and field events.

This six-week season will give young athletes an opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of track and field events.

There will be individual and group instruction in the long jump, triple jump, turbo javelin, high jump, shot put, discus, hurdles, relays, sprints, and long distance events. The accompanying conditioning, training and stretches will be taught in conjunction with the track and field events.

Open to all boys and girls in fifth through eighth grades, instruction will be led by Andover High track coach Peter Comeau, along with members of the AHS track team and AYS

staff.

The dates for this program are as follows: April 27 and 29; May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27; and June 1 and 3.

There will be 3 to 4 Invitational meets scheduled. The program will meet at the AHS track from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. This is a town-run program and athletes must sign up at the DCS office, second floor, Town Offices, Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30. Registration forms will be available in the middle school cafeterias and at the DCS office. Cost of the program (12 practices, 3-4 meets, T-shirt, awards, etc.) is \$65. If you are interested in track and field, whether you are a newcomer or experienced, start training for the Summer Games now.

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It begins Tuesday, April 27 and runs for six weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Wood Hill Middle School.

The cost for this program is \$60 and includes a T-shirt, a disc and instruction. Register at the DCS office, 36 Bartlet St., Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30.

► **WHAT'S UP** is written by kids for kids. The feature also highlights activities available for younger Andover residents. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsmen.com.

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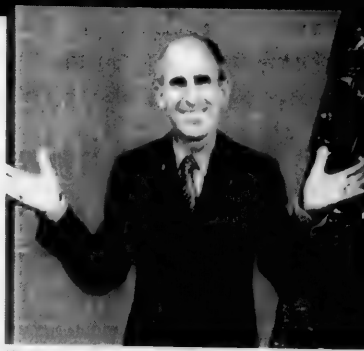
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 22

Author appearance. Middlesex Community College presents award-winning author Lois Lowry in a special *One World Series* program, noon, free, Federal Building on the Lowell campus, 50 Kearney Square; Dennis Malvers 978-656-3185.

Poetry reading. local poets Ted Deppe and Annie Deppe, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; Susan Lenoe 978-475-0143.

Poetry reading. Powow River poets reading, featuring Michael Cantor and Thomas Carper, 7:30 p.m., free, Newburyport Art Association Gallery, 65 Water St., Newburyport; Lois Frankenberger 978-470-0040.

Play. The Pentucket Players presents *Follies*, a Stephen Sondheim musical classic, 8 p.m., call for price, Rogers Center for the Arts; 978-521-9259.

Jazz Night. 9 p.m., \$5, Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063.

Friday, April 23

Concert. Middlesex Community College's Winter/Spring 2004 concert series continues with a program of cambodian folk music, *A World of Music*, 7 p.m., free, MCC Theater, 5 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta 781-280-3923.

Festival. King Arthur Festival, featuring a blend of environmental theater and a Renaissance Faire, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (runs through Sunday, April 25), \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, Hammond Castle, Gloucester; 978-283-7673 www.hammondcastle.org.

Opera. Lowell Opera Company has scheduled a variety of performances, including *Il tabarro*, *Suor Angelica*, *Gianni Schicchi*, 8 p.m., \$28, Butler Middle School Auditorium, 1140 Gorham St., Lowell; 978-441-6926.

Concert. Phillips Academy faculty jazz ensemble featuring a performance with Joel Springer, tenor saxophone, 7:30 p.m., free, Graves Hall, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4995.

Comedy. Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents DJ Hazard, Val Kappa, Tom Morello; 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Celtic Tales. local storyteller Magdalen Cantwell tells her enchanting stories, 7 p.m., free, 89 Main St.; Susan Lenoe 0978-475-0143.

Music. The Fever Monument, 9 p.m., \$5, Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063.

Play. 8 p.m., call for price, See Thursday, April 22 entry.

Saturday, April 24

Art open house. Cedar Street Artists and Artisans invite the public to *Expose Yourself to Art*, including the work of local artists and a live jazz performance, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, 14 Cedar St., Amesbury; Bruce Ferrara 603-781-3690.

Family walk. sponsored by the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), all ages are welcome to participate in a 40-minute walk, 1:30 p.m., free, doughnuts and cider served, Anne Rawlins Greene Reservation (in the angle formed by Andover Street and Dascomb and Bannister roads); Dick and Marta Hornidge 978-475-3595.

Rummage sale. sponsored by Belleville Service Club, rummage and white elephant sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free, 300 High St., Newburyport; 978-465-7734.

Bean supper. homemade beans, ham, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, and homemade pies (proceeds to benefit Neighbors in Need), 4:30-7:30 p.m., \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12, First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; 978-685-1502.

Fundraiser. Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society holds its tenth annual FurBall, including live entertainment and a raffle, 6-11 p.m., free, Newburyport City Hall, Newburyport; 978-462-0760.

Comedy. Paula Poundstone appears at Stoneham Theater as part of a national tour, 8 p.m., \$32, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.

Music. Audrey Can't Die, Rollic Fingers, 9 p.m., \$5, Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063.

Yard sale. Department of Community Services is sponsoring a Giant Earth Day Yard Sale, in support of National Earth Day, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5 per spot, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets; 978-623-8279.

Play. 7 p.m., call for price, See Thursday, April 22 entry.

Comedy. 9:30 p.m., \$12 cover, See Friday, April 23 entry.

Sunday, April 25

Observance. sponsored by the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Merrimack Valley, Armenians from throughout the Merrimack Valley can gather for the 89th anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day, 3 p.m., free, West Andover Middle School Auditorium, Shawshen Road; 978-623-8700.

Performance. Jennie Mulqueen performs *Modulating Dreams*, a *Conscious Cabaret*, an autobiographical journey with songs by Jerome Kerns, Oscar Hammerstein, and more, 2 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library; ngammon@mhl.com.

Festival. Free Family Festival presents International Arts Day at American Textile History Museum, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400.

Concert. "Vespers as Celebrated in Vienna," concert will reconstruct the musical order of a Vespers service as celebrated in Vienna in the mid-17th century, with Andrus Madson, organ, Tess Wakim, soprano, Brad Schwartz, cornetto and recorder; 7 p.m., cost is a donation, West Parish Church, at Route 133, Shawshen and Reservation roads; Andrus Madson 978-475-3528.

Play. 2 p.m., call for price, See Thursday, April 22 entry.

Opera. 2 p.m., \$28, See Friday, April 23 entry.

Comedy. 2 p.m., \$32, See Saturday, April 24 entry.

Art open house. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, See Saturday, April 24 entry.

Monday, April 26

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 27

Kiss Me Kate. Cole Porter's classical musical comedy about backstage and onstage antics of a feuding acting couple, presented by the North Shore Music Theater, 8 p.m. (runs through May 16, check with NSMT for varying curtain times), \$63, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200.

Wednesday, April 28

Bernstein's Mass. presented by the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, Leonard Bernstein's *Mass* will be performed by

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Art-filled spaces

Addison Gallery presents *The Art of David Ireland: The Way Things Are*

By Ben Hellman

THE ATTIC OF ABBOT HALL, an old science building at Phillips Academy, hides a peculiar secret. To get there, one must open a steel door in a secluded corner of the third floor that looks like it belongs to a utility closet. Behind the door, a snaking staircase beckons visitors to discover the most unusual living space in Andover.

Upstairs are split bamboo floors, brightly colored walls and industrial-steel furniture cut at exotic angles. Multiple skylights flood the space with sun.

"It feels like a little bit of California dropped right in Andover," said B.J. Larson, director of museum resources at the Addison Gallery of American Art.

The loft is the result of three years of work done in the early 1990s by artist David Ireland.

It is where artists visiting the Addison stay during their time at Phillips Academy. The artist apartment is usually closed to the public, but will be open on a limited basis in May and June to mark the opening of a major exhibition of Ireland's work at the Addison, "The Art of David Ireland: The Way Things Are."

Abbot Hall's old observatory station — located above the artists' apartment — is a highlight. Built in a cupola that dominates the outside architecture is the still-functioning wooden observatory, which has a viewing window that slides open at the turn of a crank. The entire dome rests on cannon-ball-size bearings that allow it to rotate to the section of the sky view-

ers wish to see. Extra window panels have been added to let in plenty of light and give a grand view of Abbot Circle, old Abbot Academy's campus green.

The apartment connects to much of the work in the current Ireland retrospective, which presents the craft and tools of the handyman as art.

One piece in the show, called *Broom Collection* with *Boom* is made from

worn down brooms tethered together, standing in a semi-circle. "He likes the evidence of the passage of time," said Susan Faxon, show curator and interim museum director.

Ireland used the brooms when renovating his home, an old Victorian in San Francisco. The house is considered a work of art and the address, 500 Capp St., has become a title. The brooms are a record of activity, but with their multicolored sticks and composition they also have beauty in and of themselves, said Faxon.

The apartment in Abbot Hall is also considered a work of art by the museum, which creates a dilemma for Faxon, because it is also a living area. Other artists have left behind pillows and other objects in the apartment. The steel floor in the dining

"I have this notion that art occurs in the process of life itself and you don't have to go outside of the context of your own life. It's all there and you just tap into it. You open up to it. You have to make yourself available to possibilities."

ARTIST DAVID IRELAND, WHOSE WORK IS FEATURED AT THE ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART



Box of Angels, David Ireland, 1996. Cast plaster figures, glass, and wood vitrine. Collection of Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

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ARTIST APARTMENT

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room is getting scuffed by the movement of chairs.

Other pieces include older furniture altered with found objects and construction materials. *Flag of Spain* is a cabinet mounted sideways and painted bright red and yellow. Overturned paint cans are stuck to the back by the dry red and yellow paint that

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Other Id, David Ireland, 1992. Branded alder wood, glass, metal, paint and pillow. Collection of Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center, Stanford University, Calif.



From April 29 through June 6, Alpers Fine Art will present a one-man show by Andy Newman, *New and Recent Paintings*. Above is his *Torre del Compte (Southwest End)*, 16 1/2 x 22 inches, oil on canvas. There will be an opening reception Saturday, May 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St. For more information, contact Peter Alpers at 978-470-0013, or www.alpersfineart.com.



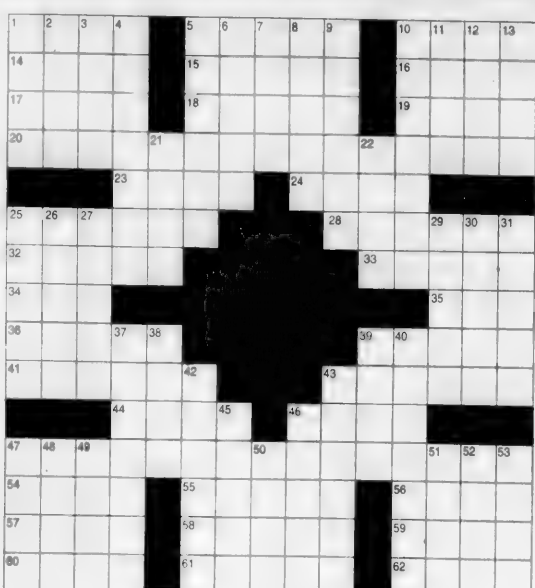
The Abbot Hall artist apartment designed in the early '90s by artist David Ireland connects to much of the work in his current retrospective. Above left, the dining room; above right, Abbot Hall's old observatory station is located above the apartment.



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23. Decoy
24. Assist
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32. Angles
33. Environmental treaty
34. Dined
35. 8 oz.
36. Fate
39. Indelicate
41. Lay to rest
43. Periods
44. Playwright, _____ Coward
46. "Exodus" author
47. Fashion slogan
54. Air (prefix)
55. Sea
56. Realm
57. Note



58. Rove
59. Legal claim
60. Schema
61. Older
62. Mail

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25. Post
26. Colossus
27. Notify
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30. Composition
31. Drugs
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47. Moist
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50. Rip
51. Pa. City
52. Was pictured
53. Beach stuff

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EVENTS CALENDAR

■ APRIL 22 THRU MAY 2

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the Boston Conservatory, 7 p.m., \$12, Rogers Center for the Arts; 978-837-5355.

Lecture on international politics by William Scott Thompson, and hosted by Phillip's Academy's International Relations Symposium, 6:30 p.m., free, Kemper Auditorium; Tana Sherman 978-749-4675.

Teleconference, presented by the Hospice Foundation of America, the 11th annual *Living With Grief* teleconference, 1-4 p.m., free, broadcast locally at Northern Essex Community College Library; Judy Berube 978-552-4376.

Thursday, April 29

Book fair, Employees Activities Committee at Merrimack Valley Hospital is planning a Books Are Fun book fair to benefit the hospital, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free, Merrimack Valley Hospital lobby; Sheila Coombs 978-521-8651.

Friday, April 30

Dance, sponsored by Bancroft School, a dance with live DJ, raffles and food, 7-10 p.m., \$20, Andover Field House, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; Linda Sullivan 978-474-4011.

Concert, *In Praise of Mary* to be performed by Coro Stella Maris, a

North Shore early music chamber choir, 8 p.m., \$15, 14 Titcomb St., Newburyport; 978-281-1505.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Paul Nardizzi, John Joyce, Todd Verdonck; 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Quilt Show, Merrimack Valley Quilter's Guild presents its annual Quilt Show, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., \$4, Route 121 Atkinson Road, Plaistow, N.H.; Marianne Nowacki 978-687-2401.

Book fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., free, See Thursday, April 29 entry.

Saturday, May 1

Concert, *In Praise of Mary* to be performed by Coro Stella Maris, a North Shore early music chamber choir, 8 p.m., \$15, Annisquam Village Square, Cape Ann; 978-281-1505.

Spring plant sale, North Reading Garden Club holds its annual spring plant sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., free, Flint Memorial Library, North Reading; Ruth Kennedy 978-276-5977.

Adult Road Race, 2nd annual Methuen YMCA 5k adult road race and one-half mile run, race day registration begins at 7 a.m.; adult race begins at 8:30 a.m., \$20, 7 Ballard Way, Lawrence; 978-683-5266.

Award dinner, Sacred Heart

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By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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Addison Gallery presents *The Art of David Ireland: The Way Things Are*

■ ART-FILLED SPACES

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was spilled there.

Ireland's travels to Africa and the Far East also influenced some of his work. In *Dumbball Action*, a photograph, Ireland is shown tossing a single ball of cement from hand to hand. Faxon said Ireland did this for 12 hours to get the ball to harden. "It's part of the meditative quality of his work and the ordinariness of his work," said Faxon.

Ireland's "dumbballs" show up in several other pieces. He also uses a clay-like

adhesive material called Fixall in a few works. Faxon said the use of the most ordinary materials is prevalent in Ireland's work.

A sense of humor pervades much of Ireland's art. One piece, *Box of Angels*, is an older-style museum exhibition box stuffed with plaster-cast angel statues jutting in every direction.

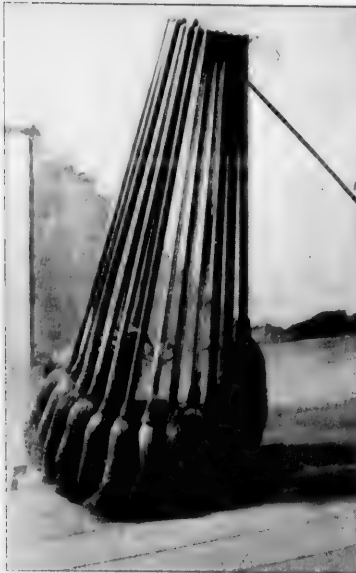
Half a room at the museum is filled with a pile of broken wood, drywall and other construction debris for a piece *Debris Pile: Debris from Past Exhibitions*.

"(Ireland) pushes the boundaries of art very deliberately," said Faxon.

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▲ **Broom Collection with Boom**, 1978/88 — Brooms, wire, copper, concrete and c-clamp, 52 x 31 x 82 inches.

▼ **Debris Pile: Debris from Past Exhibitions**, 2003 (Installation view from exhibition) — Drywall, metal studs, and debris, 11 x 37 x 11 feet.



EVENTS CALENDAR

■ APRIL 22 THRU MAY 2

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School's fifth annual alumni award dinner, call for time, \$40 per person. Lowell Lodge of Elks; 978-153-3962.

Yard sale, sponsored by Friendly Circle, the Andover Baptist Church will hold a yard sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free, 7 Central St.; Shirley Guild 978-475-8380.

Open rehearsal, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra presents an open rehearsal, 10:30 a.m.-noon, free, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College; 978-372-8237.

Art show, an outdoor art exhibit and on-site demonstrations at *Art in the Yard*, including former Andover resident Heidi S. D. Jackson, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 62 Dalton Road, Chelmsford; 978-256-1749.

Comedy, Dick Doherty Comedy Productions presents Robbie Printz, Bob Niles, Joe Wong; 9:30 p.m., \$15, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Sunday, May 2

Concert, *In Praise of Mary* to be performed by Coro Stella Maris, an early music chamber choir, 4 p.m., \$15, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; 978-281-1505.

Open house, Andover Senior Center open house and art exhibit, 1-3 p.m., free, Andover Senior Center; Pat 978-623-8321.

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Addison Gallery of American Art, *The Art of David Ireland: The Way Things Are*, through July 18; and *Art, Artists, and the Addison: Building a Collection*, through July 31; gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, gallery hours; Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013.

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in

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Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, in the Main Gallery through May 14: *Faculty Show 2004*, featuring work in a variety of mediums by more than 30 of the artists/teachers at the center; Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, through June 11: *in an Instant - Giclee prints by Toru Nakamishi and silver gelatin prints by Darren Perocchi*; reception and galleries are free and open to the public; Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343, www.essexartcenter.com.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, Nostalgic Journey, American illustrations from the collection of the Delaware Art Museum, through June 13; gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery: rare photographs from the Civil War, includes eight new images, through June 25; *Emerging Artists Gallery*: "short stories," unique perspectives on the ordinary by Concord-based

photographer Robert Hannan, through June 11; Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month for March is Crist Filer, who works mainly in watercolor and pencil, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

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McQuade Gallery, gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, Spring Promise, featuring new artwork by members, through April; coopera-

tive of 17 artists from the North Shore; Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, *Acts of Seeing/Acts of Perception: Contemporary Oklahoma Indian Life*, an exhibition by Ruthe Blalock Jones, through April 16, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Revolving Museum, through April 2, LocalMotive: Gallery Exhibit, indoor gallery space will be transformed into an interactive exhibit celebrating the wonders of the natural world; audiences will be taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769, www.newburyportart.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly 978-927-5964.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, The Creative Hand III, The Art of Craft: The Craft of Art, through April 24; Georgette Grey, The Eternal Search for Existential Beauty, through April 25; Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4230.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

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Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.galleryoni.homestead.com/1.html.

Walsingham Gallery, painter Dennis Perrin, gallery hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

Newburyport Art Association, Heidi S.D. Jackson in an exhibition entitled *Garden Portraits: Wicked Good Art*, sculpture and photos by Mark Brophy and Jane von Bosse; 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Erlach Gallery, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturday 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Theater

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Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

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Gospelfest at Phillips

Performance to feature number of choirs

The Phillips Academy Music Department will present a Gospelfest concert Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m., to benefit the Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund.

The performance will feature gospel choirs from all around New England and will take place in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Admission is \$10 for adults; student donations will be accepted.

The program will include performances by the The New England Gospel Ensem-

ble; "Just 4 Praise"; Joyful Voices of Inspiration, and the Boston Community Choir.

Hosting this concert is the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir, Robert Yates, director; William Thomas, faculty adviser; Terrance Rubin and Mary Rockas, student coordinators.

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ONGOING

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Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *Let's Go Hawaiian* exhibition is a fanciful exploration of the fascination with Hawaii, its influence on mainstream culture, and a playful look at the cult of the Hawaiian shirt; more than 125 classic and contemporary shirts, most originating from the collection of Gary Moss, picture Hawaii's history, the beauty of its landscape, its popular culture, and lure as a tourist resort; exhibit runs through Sunday, June 20; coming Sunday, April 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; International Arts Day, hosted by the American Textile History Museum, the event is a collaboration of ATHM, the Faith Quilt Project, Indian Hill Music Center, Middlesex Community College, and ONE Lowell. The day is free to all, and it's a multi-cultural experience for the whole family showcasing the artistic and cultural contributions of Lowell's immigrant and refugee communities. ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed July 4; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St.,

Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Peabody Essex Museum, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$12 adults, \$10 seniors \$8, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem; 978-745-9500, 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

House of Seven Gables, Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., extended hours until 7 p.m. through October, \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem, 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

Meetings/Activities

Altrusa International/Merrimack Valley, a service organization that focuses on community needs, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Chelmsford Public Library, Chelmsford; Arlene Miele 978-453-2531.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, seeks new voices for the 2003-04 season, rehearsals Thursday evening from 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist



Lowell Opera Company presents Puccini's *Il Trittico* tomorrow, Friday April 23, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. at Butler Middle School, 1140 Gorham St., Lowell. Tickets are \$28 (\$22 for seniors and students). Above, Giorgetta (Andover soprano Christina Puntoni) recoils in horror upon discovering her husband, Michele (Ricardo Martino), has murdered her lover, Luigi (tenor William Alley). Also in the photo are: Judi Lemoine of Lowell as Frugola, Frank Zarba of Lunenburg as Talpa, Stanley Wilson of Worcester as Tinca, and Andy Bonanno (center) from Billerica as Michele. For more information, call 978-441-6926; or e-mail: lowelloperacompany@msn.com. The Web site is www.operalowell.org, and online tickets are available at www.mvarts.info/lowellopera.

Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Avenue, Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070 or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

Country line dancing, Stompers

will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47, I-93, Methuen.

Community men's chorus, The Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

Embroiders Guild of America, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury

Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 81-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawheen Elementary School, Shawheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comito 978-459-4242.

Learn to line dance, the Knights of Columbus hosts a learn to line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926 for more information, or www.operalowell.org.

Memorial Hall Library, Merrimack Valley Quilters, Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; www.mnhl.org.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7-15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, 978-686-0900 or www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, meeting weekly at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; 978-552-4830.

Merrimacks Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday

of the month, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Elizabeth Brown 978-877-1527.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, women's a cappella group, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Wilmington; 978-658-7764 www.merrimackvalleychorus.com.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori 978-794-1973.

Middlesex Singers, mixed chamber music chorus rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian, Universalist Church, 2 Westford St., Chelmsford; Pat Moore 978-256-7143.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers playdate for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year, Kathleen 978-689-4911 or Michelle 978-257-2577.

Mother Circle, a non-profit group that meets the needs of stay-at-home moms, discuss and hear a range of topics from sibling rivalry to maintaining your sanity, child-care provided, New England Bible Church, www.nebible.org.

Newburyport Choral Society, rehearses Mondays, 8:00 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Lake streets, Newburyport; 978-462-0680.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 978-375-1723, or Kevin Brightney 978-465-2218.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents, Lisa Raphael of Andover at 978-476-0736, or Mary McKenzie of North Andover 978-687-3352.

North Reading Community Chorale, invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; 978-664-3594.

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Business

BRIEFS

Corey adds image consulting

Michelle P. Corey, proprietor of Beauty Solutions of 36 Main St., is expanding her business to include image-consulting services for both men and women. Corey, a licensed cosmetologist with more than 20 years of experience, "will offer image management to help individuals optimize their personal development to enhance appearance, communications and positive behaviors for professional and everyday life," according to a release. It said she has attended the International Image Institute in Toronto, and will receive her AICI certification this spring in San Francisco, Calif.



Michelle Corey

Grand Slam for Dougherty

Andover resident Gerard V. Dougherty, managing director of the Mony Group's Boston area agency, has been awarded the company's prestigious Grand Slam Award. Dougherty's office is located in Waltham.

Dougherty was presented with the award, which recognizes leadership and regional sales results, at Mony's annual awards ceremony for managers held this year at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Orlando, Fla. In attendance was Dougherty's son, Reed.

Dougherty has nearly 20 years of experience in the insurance and financial services industry. As managing director, he is responsible for recruiting, training and supervising financial professionals for Mony Life Insurance Co. and Mony Securities Corp.

Active in the industry, Dougherty is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He is also a member of the Boston chapter of the General Agents and Managers Association International.

Resident rises to senior VP

Jodi D'Urso-Matthews has been promoted to senior vice president of Weber Shandwick.



Jodi D'Urso-Matthews

She will continue to manage the agency's clients in the areas of public affairs, media relations and crisis management.

During the past three years at Weber Shandwick, D'Urso-Matthews has worked with clients such as the Boston Red Sox, CVS, Boston Medical Center and the Yawkey Foundation. She has developed and implemented integrated communications campaigns for the Mary Baker Eddy Library and the Boston History Museum and also has worked with the

National Association of Chain Drug Stores to develop media relations and issue advocacy campaigns.

Prior to working at Weber Shandwick, D'Urso-Matthews was chief of staff at the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and director of communications for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and for the Office of Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. She was deputy press secretary for Massachusetts in the Michael Dukakis for President campaign.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Taylor chairs volunteer group

Andover resident Bruce Taylor is chairman of a volunteer committee at this year's FleetBoston Classic. The 24th annual FleetBoston Classic will take place June 21-27 at Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord.

Golf greats such as 2003 FleetBoston Classic defending champion Allen Doyle, former tournament champions Larry Nelson, Hale Irwin and Chi Chi Rodriguez, and top 2003 money leaders Jim Thorpe, Bruce Lietzke, Tom Kite, Bruce Fleisher, Fuzzy Zoeller, Craig Stadler and Dana Quigley are expected to compete, along with 2004 Champions Tour rookies such as Jerry Pate and Sam Torrance.

Andover's Taylor is the marshals committee chair. About 1,500 volunteers divided among more than three dozen committees, ranging from those responsible for transportation to scoring to leader boards and a host of others, are needed each year to stage the FleetBoston Classic.

These volunteers are champions for charitable giving, according to tournament director Tracy West. To acknowledge their effort, volunteers receive clothing, food vouchers and tickets at a reduced cost.

45 seconds to make your case

Weekly business networking group offers word-of-mouth opportunity

By Andrea Gregory

Paul Normile stands up. He has 45 seconds to tell a room full of businessmen and women all about his company.

Normile runs a one-man operation as a certified carpet cleaner who also restores floors damaged by flooding. With his 45 seconds, he offers a commercial-style spiel.

"Not only can you call the man with the machine who cleans with steam, but you can call the guy who will keep you dry," Normile says about his new Andover business, Paul's Quality Carpet Care.

Normile is sharing his pitch with fellow members of a networking group known as the Merrimack Valley chapter of Business Networking International (BNI). Normile is one of its 31 members.

With all the rain and basement flooding, he says he felt the timing was right to let group know he can not only clean floors but also restore water-damaged areas.

The idea behind BNI is that members of the group might need each other's services or know someone who does. In a word, it's about networking.

BNI members are early morning risers who share a cup of coffee, some conversation and a few handshakes each Thursday. By 6:50 a.m., it is time for them to get down to business.

Their weekly meeting begins with several 45-second commercial-style presentations, such as the one Normile offers. A lawyer,

"It widens your network enormously. Actually, it's created a business for me."

MYDA MUISE, NETWORKING MEMBER AND BEAUTY CONSULTANT

BNI was started in 1985. According to the BNI Web site there are more than 3,000 chapters worldwide and about 60,000 members. Only one person per profession is allowed to join each chapter of BNI. Participants work full-time in their profession, and attendance at the weekly meetings is important.

Those who cannot attend a meeting are encouraged to send a representative on their behalf.

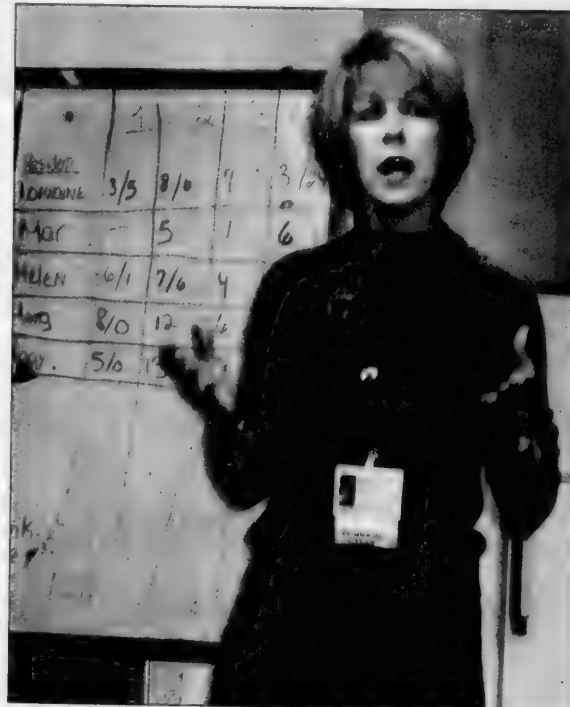
At each meeting, two members also receive eight minutes of BNI fame. Before talking for the eight minutes about their businesses, the

selected speakers share a tidbit of personal information.

"I always wanted to join a rock band and be the lead singer," Trish Martini tells her fellow BNI members before putting on a cooking

demonstration last Thursday. Being on a timer fits perfectly with the message she is trying to send — that people can learn to prepare healthy food quickly.

Martini, who teaches cooking classes through the Andover campus of Northern Essex Community College at the Greater



Karen Mayer, a nutritional supplement saleswoman, tells fellow Business Networking International members about her business.

Lawrence Technical School on River Road, recently started Gourmet Occasions — a catering and private cooking class business. Her classes through the col-



Members Paul Normile, a carpet cleaner, and Michael DiMauro, a chiropractor, discuss their respective jobs.

MIT alumni club awards resident for his event sponsorship



Stewart Monderer of Dundas Avenue was honored by the MIT Sloan Alumni Club. Posing with him above is Audrey Daum, club treasurer.

Stewart Monderer of Dundas Avenue and his company, Monderer Design, a strategic design and visual communications firm in Cambridge, were recently honored for Monderer's sponsorship of three major events presented last year by the MIT Sloan Alumni Club of Boston. The events included the Fourth Annual Software Symposium, a CFO Summit and the first annual Women in Business and Technology Symposium.

"We are very pleased and enthused to be a part of these events. Since our specialty is in defining and reshaping brands in today's changing marketplace through branding, identity, print and interactive communications, we see these symposiums as a great opportunity show our interest, and our work, to different target audiences," said Monderer, in a press release.

Monderer Design was founded 1982.

It and its owner have signed on to sponsor the alumni club's 2004 events as well. Upcoming events include the second annual MIT Women in Business and Technology Symposium, titled "Making It to the Top!" on May 15, and a CIO symposium titled "Enabling the Agile Enterprise" on May 19. The first symposium is designed to provide a forum for insightful and spirited discussions led by successful women at the executive level, while the second provides a forum for insightful and spirited discussions led by successful CIOs, CEOs, CTOs, academics and IT practitioners.

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Reeling through the years

Andover Sportsmen's Fishing Derby is a local springtime tradition

By Judy Wakefield

SUDDEN POND WILL BE STOCKED to the gills this Saturday and more than 40 Boy Scouts from Andover will be among the first on the scene for a fishing competition.

It's finally spring, and one of Andover's longest-running spring traditions is back. It's the Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby at Harold Parker State Forest, taken seriously by local Scouts and outdoorsmen, so it will never be "the one that got away."

Scout leaders say Andover Boy Scouts look forward to the event each year. For example, Troop 77 holds its first campout of the year in Harold Parker State Forest the night before the derby. On derby morning, some 40 Scouts from the troop will enjoy a breakfast sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club and then get serious about baiting their hooks. Every year, they are early arrivals for the derby.

"It's a great campout for this age

group," said Troop 77 leader John Koar of Andover.

"The Sportsmen's Club invited us about seven years ago, and we have been going ever since."

The youngest members of Troop 77 are 11 years old and the campout is often their first camping experience.

"We camp close to home and invite parents to come by on Saturday. Some of them go to the derby with us. It's nice and local, and parents like that," Koar said.

The compliment is music to the ears of Al Griffin of the Sportsmen's Club, as his derby mantra is: "It's all about the kids."

As usual, he'll park his huge recreational vehicle on the banks of Sudden Pond in Harold Parker State Forest for the entire derby weekend, and enjoy spending time with the kids — especially those who are fishing for the first time.

are also available to answer questions. The derby is free. There is no fee to borrow fishing rods, no entry fee and no cost for the worms.

"We'll bait all day if need be," chuckled Griffin, an avid fly-fisherman who said he has been involved

with the derby for too many years to count. If just one kid gets turned on to fishing, then sportsmen such as Griffin are satisfied, he said.

"There's just a lot of enjoyment for guys like me to see the Scouts and all the other kids have so much fun. Our club has a long history of being interested in the youth of today, as they are our future," said Griffin, who is retired from Raytheon. "We want to introduce them to fishing."

In fact, the derby tradition dates back more than 50 years, when it was held at Hussey's Pond near Shawsheen Square. But, after several successful years, trout trouble threatened the derby's success. Too many of the fish in Hussey Pond were dying, though no one seemed to know why.

The derby moved to Berry Pond, also located at Harold Parker State Forest, for a short time. But there is a public beach there and Griffin said it was "too open."

Sudden Pond is in a quieter and more rural section of the state forest, and was the next location. It has worked out great for the past few years, Griffin said. Sutton Pond will once again be ready to host for the derby this Saturday, April 24.

The Sportsmen's Club spends

\$1,000 to stock the pond with trout. The fish will come from Gilbert Trout Hatchery in Plymouth and will be tossed into Sudden Pond in the wee hours of the derby morning.

Prizes, including new fishing rods, will be awarded to those who catch the biggest fish.



Brady Griffin, 2, gets ready for the Andover Sportsmen's Fishing Derby.



What makes the event progress swimmingly for first-time fishermen is that the state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife loans a slew of fishing rods to the cause. Representatives also hang around to help with baiting and other needs. Numerous members of the Sportsmen's Club

Photos by Tim Jean

Clockwise, from left: Al Griffin (left) and Gene Shultz, both of Andover and longtime members of the Sportsmen's Club, are still involved with the club's annual fishing derby; Brett Griffin, 6, practices his casting for the Andover Sportsmen's Fishing Derby; (below) in the early 1960s, the fishing derby was held at Hussey's Pond near Shawsheen Square; a 40-year-old sign points out that the fishing derby, which turns 55 this year, was already an established tradition.

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Seventh-grader has seven medals

Black belt gives red, white and blue performance in Japan

By Richa Goyal
What's Up Intern

DAVID WHITE, A SEVENTH-GRADER at West Middle School, recently hit Japan, competing against the best in the world in an international martial-arts competition.

What inspired the young black belt with more than seven medals from prestigious youth competitions to take up karate in the first place?

"When I was 5, I always used to watch Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles — and I guess that's what inspired me to take up karate," said David.

David was part of the United States Amateur Athletics Union Junior National Karate Team. He and his teammate, Zachariah Merrigan, traveled to Tokyo last month to represent the United States in the Goodwill Junior Karate-Do Tournament and the All Japan Junior Tournament.

Although David didn't win his latest competition in Tokyo, his selection to the team was still considered an immense achievement.

"I've been David's coach since kindergarten, but this year he had to have special coaches because he was competing internationally," said his mother, Margaret Chojin. "I'm so proud of him. He's achieved so much and has come along so far — and he's only in seventh grade."

David began studying Uechi-Ryu karate in kindergarten. He has been competing

locally for several years, participating in categories like kata (forms), kobudo (weapons), and kumite (fighting). David earned his Junior Black Belt in 2001.

David has trained at many karate schools and is currently training at Stephen Perry's School of Karate in North Hampton, N.H.

To compete internationally, youth must have numerous medals, and David had no trouble there. In 2003, at the Uechi World Championships, David came home with two gold medals and one silver medal. He also earned first place overall in kata for 2003 in the New England Junior Uechi Championship Series. This series is style-specific and allows the competitor to test his skills against other Uechi-Ryu practitioners.

That same year, David took home two silver medals at the New England Championships in Lebanon, N.H., which qualified him for the Regional Championship in Troy,



David White (left photo and above, at left) of Andover and his teammate, Zachariah Merrigan of Rye, N.H., traveled to Tokyo last month to represent the United States in the Goodwill Junior Karate-Do and the All Japan Junior tournaments.

N.Y. In Troy, he won another silver medal.

David competed on a national level at the National Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C. and at the Junior Olympics in Detroit, Mich., returning home with two bronze medals. This achievement earned him a spot on the USA Junior National Team, which led him to compete in Tokyo.

"This was my first year competing in Japan and it was a great experience. I hope to go there again next year," said David.



FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it shop volunteers will be back at the center Monday, April 26 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The men will be happy to take a look at any small household item or appliance in need of repair.

Brown Bag Lunch/Lecture: Fred Rice, a regular presenter at the center, will be with us Wednesday, April 28 at noon for a slide show and lecture on the Continental Divide. Come and enjoy views of trails and alpine meadows of the Tetons and Rockies. Pre-register for \$2. Bring a bag lunch, we'll supply dessert and beverages.

Massage Therapy: Got those stiff muscles and joints? Make an appointment for a seated upper-body chair massage. Appointments are available on Monday mornings for a reduced fee of \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Great for muscle aches and pains as well as relaxation benefits.

Podiatry Clinic: Home Health VNA will sponsor a podiatry clinic at the center Wednesday, April 28, by appointment only. Call the center to see about space availability if you would like to schedule a time.

E-mail and Internet Classes: The second of two e-mail classes (one session each) is scheduled for today, April 22 and a two-session class on the Internet will begin April 29. Call the center if you would like further information, or stop in to register. Cost of the e-mail class is \$10; and \$20 for the Internet course.

"Taking A Chance On Life": Come explore the many possibilities of how one can make life more enjoyable and satisfying. This six-week class will begin today, Thursday, April 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15; instructor is Ed Alessi.

Cable channel 8 TV show: *There's Something About Andover*, a senior-produced and directed cable channel 8 TV show, can be seen on at 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and at 9 a.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The April show will feature a discussion with Marlies Zammuto, Council on Aging chairwoman, and Selectwoman Mary Lyman, on the COA survey results and new senior center design plans.

Hearing Screening: The Northeast

Rehabilitation Health Network will conduct a free hearing screening at the senior center Monday, April 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are necessary, so call the center to see about space availability if you would like to be seen.

"Managing Your Weight For Better Health": Nutritionist Jean Lussier will offer a two-session weight-management class beginning Tuesday, April 27 at 1 p.m. There is no charge for the class, but pre-registration is necessary.

An Artful Afternoon: The senior center will be open Sunday, May 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. for an open house and art exhibit showcasing the work of the many talented people in our art group. Everyone is welcome to stop in and enjoy the variety of work that will be on display. Call to register so that we can plan our space needs appropriately. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday Concert: The senior center has a limited number of tickets available for the Sunday, May 2 performance of *Music From the Common Man*, which will be held at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College at 2:30 p.m. Featured will be the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra as well as the Treble Chorus of New England. Ticket cost is \$9 if purchased through the senior center.

Plymouth Lunch Excursion: We are now accepting reservations for our day trip to Plymouth scheduled for Monday, May 24. Come and enjoy a day in this historic, waterfront town as well as lunch at Isaac's Restaurant. Lunch entrees are a choice of chicken cordon bleu or broiled scrod. Cost of the trip is \$32.

Birding: Al and Evelyn Retelle will lead Monday morning birding adventures for us beginning May 3. We'll car pool from the senior center at 7:30 and hit area birding spots, which will be determined by weather, migration, etc. There is no cost, but pre-registration is necessary so we'll know who to expect.

Elder Law Forum: Mark your calendar for Friday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. when attorney Robert Ford will give a presentation at the center on the issue of privacy and the new health law. The program will also include information and updates on other changes of interest to seniors. Refreshments will be served.



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1340	Young, Paul C.	38	M	3:06:00	3:05:41	487	455	342
2399	Nork, Samuel	40	M	3:24:52	3:24:07	1434	1334	378
5868	Lawrence, Kenneth W.	42	M	3:37:16	3:34:13	2485	2251	713
8064	Benson, Beth	42	F	3:38:37	3:36:04	2622	259	58
10571	Richards, Keith M.	51	M	3:56:38	3:47:59	4939	4057	369
10755	Gallant, Amanda S.	27	F	3:57:10	3:48:23	5034	915	731
7903	Stableford, Jonathan A.	59	M	3:59:54	3:55:35	5469	4402	443
5988	Whirly, Robert F.	44	M	4:02:27	3:52:48	5850	4639	1836
10761	Doucett, Lisa	48	F	4:04:15	3:56:16	6170	1325	262
8102	Errico, Paul V.	46	M	4:20:26	4:14:13	8488	6071	2480
17939	Taylor, Alexander J.	33	M	4:23:28	4:04:05	8953	6302	2675
20343	Patten, Christopher J.	33	M	4:36:23	4:12:54	10731	7208	2895
17534	Kuzio, Julie A.	42	F	4:40:15	4:19:34	11193	3737	1123
13962	Wilson, Gretchen E.	38	F	4:45:39	4:32:44	11817	4053	2616
18175	Mason, Aileen M.	34	F	5:06:21	4:45:29	13688	4874	2983
20680	Marnell, Denise	33	F	5:18:35	4:53:19	14525	5237	3159
19831	Grover, Aaron J.	34	M	5:25:07	5:04:04	14871	9472	3633
17907	Gray, William Jr.	63	M	5:25:23	5:06:41	14888	9483	417
19482	Shift, Ken	50	M	5:27:59	5:03:19	15015	9555	1808
20003	Alexi, Barbara Z.	47	F	5:30:20	5:01:20	15122	5513	1783
19518	Pustell, Lois Jeanne	49	F	6:09:16	5:43:46	16561	6156	1959

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DCS Earth Day Yard Sale is Saturday

The Department of Community Services is sponsoring a Giant Earth Day Yard Sale this Saturday, April 24 in the Park, at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Support National Earth Day by participating as a seller or shopper. Recycle by cleaning out garages, cellars and attics.

Reserve a 10-foot spot by calling DCS at 978-623-8274 by Friday, April 23. Cost is \$5 per spot; set-up is at 8 a.m.; bring a table to sell items, organizers advise.

Yard sale participants will be selling a variety of articles that range from toys, clothing and knick-knacks, to music, plants for the garden, craft books and more. If it rains, call the DCS info line at 978-623-8279; the rain date is Saturday, May 1.

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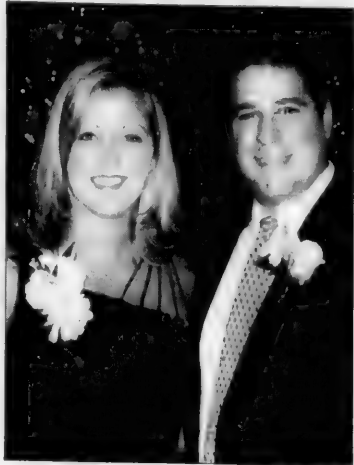
O'Soro-Afarian

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Soro of Reading announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer E. O'Soro, to Gregory K. Afarian, son of Katchik and Marianne Afarian of Andover.

Ms. O'Soro, a graduate of Plymouth State College, is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Atkinson Elementary School in North Andover.

Mr. Afarian, a graduate of Fitchburg State College, is a senior loan officer by Interate Mortgage in Methuen.

The couple plan an August wedding.



Jennifer E. O'Soro and Gregory K. Afarian

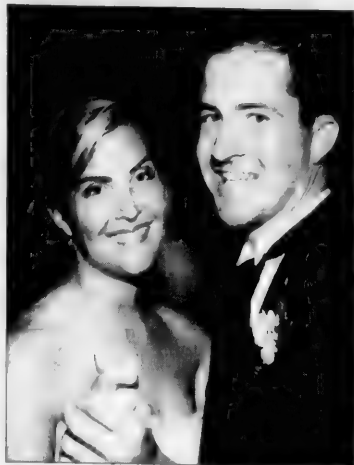
Camarota-Walsh

Lynn and Luke Camarota of North Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lynn Camarota, to Michael Patrick Walsh, son of Patrick and Karen Walsh of Andover and Kennebunk Beach, Maine.

Ms. Camarota, a graduate of Andover High School, Providence College and Boston University School of Law, is employed at Gilman, McLaughlin and Hanrahan in Boston.

Mr. Walsh, a graduate of Andover High School and Bryant College, is employed at Amgen Inc. in biotechnology sales.

The couple plan an August wedding.



Michele Camarota and Michael Walsh

Martin-Begg

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Martin of Bridgewater, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly A. Martin of Arlington, Va., to Ian Graham Begg of Alexandria, Va., the son of Virginia L. Begg of Andover and the late Charles F. Begg II.

Ms. Martin, a graduate of Rutgers University and George Mason University School of Law, is a senior development officer with Young America's Foundation.

Mr. Begg, a graduate of Georgetown University, is a graduate student at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service - International Security Studies.

The couple plan a May wedding.



Kimberly Martin and Ian Begg

Murnane-Fuller

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murnane of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Patricia Murnane, to Jeffrey Lewis Fuller of Waltham.

Ms. Murnane, a graduate of Andover High School and Bridgewater State College, is employed at Vista Print in Lexington.

Mr. Fuller, is a graduate of Waltham High School and Boston University, is employed at Coldwell Banker in Waltham.

The couple plan a June wedding.



Colleen Murnane and Jeffrey Fuller

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1904

The Punchard baseball team will play its annual game with the alumni next Tuesday.

Next Friday, Herman the Great will appear in the Town Hall, entertaining with magic.

At the regular meeting of the Andover Mothers' Club, held last Friday afternoon, Miss Reed read a number of selections concerning the management of children. A general discussion followed each reading.

The wheels are again in motion for the annual May breakfast and the ladies have begun the work for this happy annual feast.

F.E. Dodge has been rebuilding the chimneys on the building owned by H.W. Barnard and occupied by J.P. Wakeland.

At a meeting of the Abbot Village Coal Society held in Abbot Village Hall last evening, David Beatty & Son were awarded the contract to furnish coal this year, as they were the lowest bidders.

Dog taxes are now due and should be paid promptly to the town clerk's office.

An important meeting of the Andover Cricket Club will be

held in Abbot Village Hall, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Robert Hodge, the young man who had his right arm severed at Smith & Dove's factory in January, has returned to his home in town, having been treated at Lawrence General Hospital.

75 Years Ago - 1929

Headline: "Andover Guild Asks Help: Prospect of Empty Treasury Threatens Continuance of Work Which Concerns Happenings of 500 Boys and Girls - House-to-House Campaigns to Be Made."

The 33rd annual Barnard prize-speaking contest was held last Friday evening in the Barnard High School hall with Miss Dorothy Ruff taking the first prize of \$20; William Mahoney, second prize \$10; and Stanley Swanton, third prize \$8.

Miss Alice Robertson is at her home on Avon Street.

Mrs. S. McMahon and family have moved from Chapman Avenue to Main Street.

At the meeting of selections held Monday afternoon, Ralph

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS
~ 2004 KEY DATES ~

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Apr. 29	Apr. 23
May 27	May 21
June 24	May 18
July 29	July 23
Aug. 26	Aug. 20
Sept. 30	Sept. 24
Oct. 28	Oct. 22
Nov. 25	Nov. 19
Dec. 30	Dec. 23

BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, are eligible to have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a first birthday in April will be published in the April 29 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 23 (see box).

Photos received after the deadline will not be published. Similarly, first birthday photos older than the current month also will not be published. Births are printed the first Thursday of the month.

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All employees of Philip Ciampa Salon and Color Group stay up to date with the latest trends in cuts, color and highlighting. They also offer manicures, pedicures, waxing, hair straightening, perms and much more. Stylists have extensive training in all aspects of hair care.

Staff includes Angela Faldetta, a licensed medical esthetician specializing in various new facials, including vitamin C, pumpkin, chocolate, and blueberry facials. For first time clients, Angela is offering

a 20% discount.

Also on staff are: Maria Parreira, Tamra Saal, Jamie Ciampa, Suzanne Danis, Sue Neff, Nicole Rau, Amanda Arsenault, Corinne Fortin, and Angela Dulac. Not pictured are manicurist, Mary Anne Clark, and stylist, Erica Maguire.

Philip Ciampa Salon and Color Group have three other salons, located in Lexington, Wakefield and Winchester. They have been voted as one of the top 100 hair salons of New England for 2001 and 2002, and have consistently won the top hair salon for the Andovers.

Philip Ciampa Salon and Color Group is located at 28 Chestnut St. Hours are: Mondays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursdays 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For an appointment call 978-475-7988. Walk-ins are always welcomed.

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OBITUARIES

Alan Sullivan Landry

Graduated from
Phillips Academy

Alan Sullivan Landry, 52, of Governors Island, Gilford, N.H., and New York City, New York, died last Thursday, April 15.

Mr. Landry was born June 24, 1951 in Arlington, the son of the late Dr. Christopher and Barbara (Sullivan) Landry.

Mr. Landry graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, in 1969, from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. in 1973, and from Wharton Business School in 1975.

Mr. Landry had been a resident of Gilford for the past 13 years, coming from New York City, N.Y.

He was president of the 10 Woodland Road Corp., a cellu-

lar telephone company with operations in Nashville, Tenn.

After he sold the company, he had been an investor since 1999.

Members of his family include two brothers, C. Kevin Landry of Boston, and Brian F. Landry of Katona, N.Y.; two sisters, Brenda Lee Landry of Bird Key, Sarasota, Fla. and Christina Mary Landry of St. Armands Key, Sarasota; a nephew and four nieces.

There are no calling hours.

A graveside service was held in Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilford, on Monday, April 19.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Hockey Rink Fund, Trinity College, 300 Summit St., Hartford, CT 06106.

Arrangements were by Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant Street, Laconia, N.H.

Elizabeth A. Benson

Was a supervisor at IRS

Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Alek) Benson, 84, died Monday at Lowell General Hospital.

She was a supervisor at the Internal Revenue Service for many years before retiring in 1981.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Benson graduated from Lawrence High School in 1937 and served in the Navy during World War II.

She was a member of St. George's Orthodox Church in Lawrence.

She was the widow of William Benson.

Members of her family include sons Pat Benson of Lawrence and William Benson of Andover; daughters Ruth

DEATHS

Elizabeth A. Benson, 84
Eleanor Connor, 75
Alan S. Landry, 52
Louise A. O'Connell, 72
Anthony T. Wertz, 85

OBITUARIES ARE
SUPPLIED BY
FUNERAL HOMES AND
FAMILY MEMBERS

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CONNOR — Eleanor Connor, 75, of Cathedral City, Calif., died in Rancho Mirage, Calif. She worked as a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service for 15 years. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover.

O'CONNELL — Louise A. O'Connell, 72, of Atkinson, N.H., died Friday, April 16 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry. She worked as a branch secretary for the IRS in Andover for more than 20 years.

WERTZ — Anthony Thaddeus Wertz, 85, of Rochester, N.H., died Sunday, April 18 at the Rochester Manor in Rochester, N.H. He retired in 1972 from Raytheon Corp. in Andover. Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Burke Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Merrimack Valley plans
Armenian Genocide
observance

Armenians from throughout the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire will gather in large numbers for the 89th anniversary of Armenian Martyrs' Day.

The commemorative event will take place Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. at West Andover Middle School Auditorium, Shawsheen Road, off Route 133, sponsored by the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of the Merrimack Valley.

Theme of the observance will be: "Armenians-Thriving in the Shadow of the Genocide," during which time tribute will be paid to 25 survivors who escaped the onslaught.

Since the committee's inception in 1990, special homage has been paid annually to the 1.5 million Armenians lost at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government during the genocidal years of 1915-1923.

Main speaker will be Professor Ina Baghdiantz McCabe, director of Armenian History and Studies at Tufts University, Medford. A distinguished service award will be presented to former Peabody mayor Peter Torigian. Master of ceremonies will be State Rep. Peter J. Koutoujian, who has promoted Armenian activities in the State House. A joint requiem service will precede the concert, conducted by area clergy. A reception will follow.

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■ 75 YEARS AGO

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Baker and Alexander MacKenzie, permanent men at the Central fire station, were appointed assistant public weighers.

James Purcell of Main Street has severed his connections as a baker with the Lawrence Market. (4/19/29)

Early Tuesday evening while entering her home, Mrs. Stanley Pratt of Central Street fell and broke her kneecap.

The annual meeting of the Andover Natural History Society, which was planned for Tuesday evening, was postponed, because of the weather, to Tuesday evening of next week when it will be held in the Punchard building at the usual hour.

Albert Grammar, 9 Fair Place, Brookline, and Alice Carey, 17, of 108 Woodside Road, Brookline, received slight injuries when the Packard sedan in which they were riding on the Shawsheen-Lowell road left the highway and crashed into a telegraph pole. The pole was broken in two by the impact and the machine was damaged beyond repair.

The third faculty recital in the Centennial series at Abbot Academy will be a joint recital by Bertram Currier, violoncello, and Raymond Coon, pianoforte.

"No change of form will turn a bad government into a good government. Good results are not so much due to plan as to the type of people giving support," said John F. Sly, professor of history at Harvard University, speaking Tuesday afternoon before the Andover League of Women Voters on "Adapting the Old Form of New England Town Government to the Needs of Today."

A show that would be different was claimed by the Square and Compass Club, a claim often made but never fulfilled, but last Friday night met in the Town Hall, the performance by the old-time minstrels proved that the club was right.

50 Years Ago - 1954

The town of Andover is in good financial condition, according to a report received from Edward C. Wilson, associ-

ate commissioner of corporations and taxation.

A special conference with representatives of all the baseball leagues in town was held last week by the Andover Recreation Committee to establish a schedule for the summer so that there would be no conflicting dates among the teams.

A large number of members attended the fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist Church in Ballardvale last Friday evening at which a number of interesting reports were read.

During the very successful two-day visit of the Bloodmobile here April 5 and 6, residents of Andover contributed 354 pints of blood, announced Sidney P. White, chairman of the Red Cross blood program.

The Andover phase of the American Cancer Society's annual campaign to raise funds to fight this dreaded disease, which is conducted throughout the nation during the month of April, is headed this year by Mrs. Gerry Lebach and Mrs. Byron Weiner.

A plan intended to tighten up controls on new building has been put into effect by the selectmen with the appointment at Monday night's meeting of an Advisory Building Committee made up of two builders and an architect.

The 19th annual free dog clinic for inoculation against rabies will be held for four consecutive Saturday mornings from 9 to noon under the auspices of the Andover Board of Health. (4/15/54)

25 Years Ago - 1979

May 19 will be the last day of Andover public school education for "deserving" seniors. The School Committee voted Tuesday night the early dismissal for seniors who have particularly "paid their dues."

The Planning Board previewed plans for a 298-home subdivision to be built on land formerly part of Andover Country Club, now owned by developer Yvon Cormier.

The Board of Selectmen empowered the commuter rail study committee to enter into limited negotiations for commuter train service from

Andover to Boston.

The longtime contract dispute between Andover school administrators and the School Committee has apparently been resolved, and attorneys for the two groups are working out the details of their contract.

Selectmen took no action Monday night on a citizens petition for a fence to keep "beer-drinking, pot- and cigarette-smoking Andover High students" away from private property near the school.

Andover's tenured teachers will be receiving their contracts for next year after all.

John D. Marks, co-author of *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence* and author of a new book, *The Search for the "Manchurian Candidate,"* will be Phillips Academy's Kemper lecturer on Friday at 8 p.m.

Several residents of the Andover area have recently formed an Amnesty International Adoption Group.

Elise Hoyun Pyun has become the first Andover High student to be a finalist in the nationwide Presidential Scholars Program since it was founded 15 years ago.

John M. Corcoran Co. of Milton, developers of a variety of residential communities, has the option to buy the old Tyer Rubber Co. mill on Railroad Street, and hopes to recycle it into apartments for the elderly.

Pulitzer Prize winners Edward Albee and Walter Kerr will lead a free symposium on "Playwrights and Critics: The View Across the Lights" Monday at 8:15 p.m. at Brandeis University's Spingold Theater.

Six residents of Kirkland Drive, those basements are periodically flooded now, are concerned that the development of the old Andover Country Club property would worsen their problems.

Robert J. Lenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer N. Lenk of 3 Phaeton Circle, and a senior at Andover High has been named winner of a National Merit Scholarship, sponsored by the Western Electric Co.

Superintendent Kenneth R. Seifert says he's had his eye on the Boston Garden, but has settled for West Junior High Auditorium for Tuesday night's public meeting on the school budget.

Picture Caption: Edward J. Morrissey is sworn in last Thursday as Andover's postmaster.

John J. McNaught moved to town last November and was recommended to President Jimmy Carter for a federal judgeship by Sen. Edward J. Kennedy. McNaught now lives at 66 River Road with his wife, and commutes to Boston every weekday, arriving at his cham-

bers in the Post Office Building in Government Center around 8:30.

Fees for permits issued by the Department of Community Development and Planning will probably be going up soon.

"Improve yourself" is the theme of the annual book sale sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library on June 22.

10 Years Ago - 1994

Voters did not come out in the numbers expected Monday, the first night of Town Meeting, but the 1,692 who attended went right to work and efficiently moved through the first 21 articles on the warrant. Essentially voting themselves a tax increase, residents of Andover showed vocal and overwhelming support for the \$40.5 million school building project.

By the narrowest margin of the first two nights of Town Meeting, Article 45, the bylaw amendment requiring dog owners to clean up after their pets, was approved, 249-224.

Tomorrow the *Townsmen* will publish an extra edition, with news and photographs from the third night of Town Meeting, as well as other stories about Town Meeting in general.

Sometimes, particularly for those who are widowed at an early age, there seems to be no one who understands. It is difficult to know whom to trust. That's where the Widowed Persons Service, an all-volunteer organization, comes in. The group is partially sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons.

Raspberries eatery at 46 Main St. closed its doors after eight years of serving breakfast and lunch to downtown business people and shoppers.

The record snowfall and harsh temperatures of the winter months have not only taken their toll on Andover roadways, but on the water supply as well.

Andover High School's 24-Hour Relay Challenge on June 11-12 will bring together the Andover community to work for a common goal while having fun and raising money.

Police are looking for two men who were allegedly involved in at least one of two breaks that occurred in the Wildwood Road area of South Main Street in the past week.

When Sydney Bialo, administrator of SHED, showed up at 7:45 a.m., there were 85 men and women waiting to sign up for after-school care for their children.

Joseph Cardella, of 250 North Main St., will vote in favor of the overrides of Proposition 2½ at the special town election May 17. Both overrides pertain to the schools. Mr.

Cardella, who has lived in Andover since 1941, told the *Townsmen*, "I'm going to vote yes, but reluctantly. I'm 91 and don't make much monkey."

By law, the School Committee and other school officials can do little to influence the upcoming vote on whether Andover will override Proposition 2½ to pay for the \$10.5 million school buildings project. But school officials hold a trump card in their legally tied hands. Interestingly, this figurative card is known as ACE.

More than 30 local runners burned a lot of carbohydrates and rode a steady tailwind en route to the finish line of the 98th annual Boston Marathon Monday, Patriots Day, April 18.

To many smokers, the future may seem like a lonely and dismal prospect. Smokers may picture themselves banished outside in horrid weather, or trapped in tiny rooms at the end of halls, especially since Andover residents at Town Meeting last week agreed in a 279-86 vote to ban smoking in municipal buildings, restaurants and public areas, including stores.

In next week's edition, the *Townsmen* will introduce a new publication, *Investment Quarterly*. It will focus on the world of investing and personal finance.

US Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Lowell, has donated his pay raise, for the second consecutive year, to three nonprofit groups in his district committed to preventing domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The Board of Health and police responded to 20 Dale St. in Ballardvale on Sunday morning after vandals opened a valve on a sewage tanker truck and at least 1,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled to the ground.

From the Editorials: When Holocaust survivor Rena Finder finished describing her experiences of being saved from the gas chambers during World War II by Oscar Schindler, the packed audience at Phillips Academy continued to applaud for quite some time.

From the Editorials: While their parents were getting ready for and participating in Town Meeting during the last weeks and months, Andover public school students in grades 4-12 were preparing for and participating in their own Town Meeting.

Can Andover be run more efficiently? This is the question that Dennis Teves, of 8 Mohawk Road, posed at last week's Town Meeting. By defeating Mr. Teves' private article, seeking \$100,000 for an outside management audit, residents effectively gave him his answer.

—Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann

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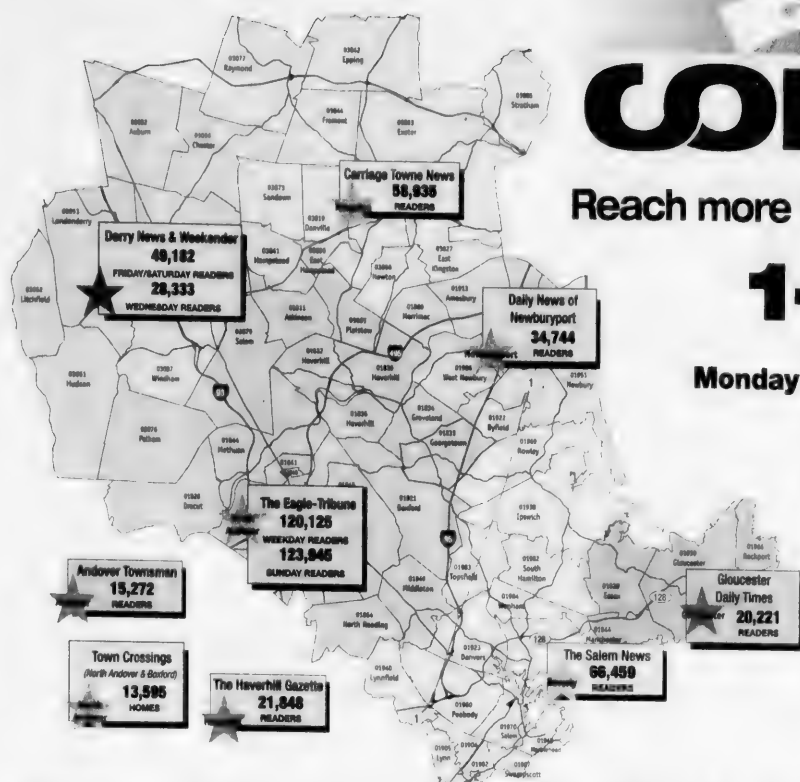
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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, May 6, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Dean & Katherine Romig, 78 River St., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article

VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct additions that will not meet dimensional requirements. Premises affected are located at 78 River St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 140 as Lot 35. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF APPEALS April 22 & 29, 2004

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VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct additions to an existing non-conforming residence that will not meet dimensional requirements. Premises affected are located at 5 Lantern Ln., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 78 as Lot 35. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF APPEALS April 22 & 29, 2004

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, May 6, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Brookside Estates Ltd Partnership, c/o Winn Management Co., 6 Faneuil Hall Mkt, Boston, MA 02109 for a modification of a Comprehensive Permit (#1932) to convert the project to condominiums, maintaining the 42 affordable units in a mix of rental & ownership. Premises affected are located at 120 North St., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 127 as Lot 36. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF APPEALS April 22 & 29, 2004

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, May 6, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Back Bay Sign, 236 Pearl St., Somerville, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 5.2.11.4 to change the face of an existing non-conforming sign which exceeds the maximum allowable area & height. Premises affected are located at 207 North Main St., Andover, MA in an MU District as shown on Assessor's Map 37 as Lot 9. DANIEL S. CASPER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF APPEALS April 22 & 29, 2004

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The Trial Court
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ESSEX Division
Docket No. 04P083EP1

In the Estate of JAMES BEATTY EVANS AKA JAMES B. EVANS, JR. Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX Date of Death February 15, 2004 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL To all persons interested in the above

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert James Lockyer to Fleet Mortgage Corp., dated November 30, 1999 and recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5623, Page 2, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 29th day of April, 2004, A.D. at 12:00 P.M. (Noon) at or upon the mortgaged premises 17 Boutwell Road, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: The land at 17 Boutwell Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan located in Andover, Massachusetts, prepared for Roger J. Lafitt", dated May 17, 1990, by Cyr & Curran, Inc., recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 11777

For title see deed recorded at said Registry of Deeds prior hereto. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 (\$5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO/100 (\$5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ELIZABETH S. EVANS of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON MAY 3, 2004.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, March 30, 2004. Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court April 22, 2004

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 17 Boutwell Road Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert James Lockyer to Fleet Mortgage Corp., dated November 30, 1999 and recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5623, Page 2, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 29th day of April, 2004, A.D. at 12:00 P.M. (Noon) at or upon the mortgaged premises 17 Boutwell Road, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

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Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate
Premises: 34 West Parish Drive
Andover, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James F. Taft to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee Mortgagee for First National Bank of Arizona, dated June 4, 2002 recorded at Essex County (North District) Registry Deeds in Book 6877, Page 165 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on May 13, 2004 at 10:00 A.M., upon the mortgaged premises at 34 West Parish Drive Andover, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"A certain lot or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts shown as of #32 on a plan of land entitled 'Subdivision & Acceptance Plan 'Weste Center Acres', dated January 1955 Clinton F. Goodwin, E. duly recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 3235. Said lot, according to said plan, is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY: by West Parish Drive one hundred twenty and 30/100 (120 30/100) feet

SOUTHEASTERLY: by Lot #1 on said plan by two courses respectively measuring Eighty Six (86) feet, and one hundred forty and 3/100 (140 03/100) feet.

SOUTHERLY: by land or owners undersigned, one hundred nine (109) feet.

WESTERLY: by Thresher Road by two courses respectively measuring Eighty-One and 62/100 (81 62/100) feet and one hundred ninety Seven and 47/100 (197 47/100) feet, and

NORTHWESTERLY: by a curved line forming the intersection of said West Parish Drive and Thresher Road, forty-five and 63/100 (45 63/100) feet.

Containing thirty-three thousand one hundred thirty (33,130) square feet of land more or less.

Said premises are conveyed subject to conditions and restrictions of record insofar as the same may now be in force and applicable, to Zoning by-laws of the Town of Andover and to taxes for current municipal fiscal year.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 5884, Page 89."

In the event of any typographical errors in the publication of this notice, the description in the mortgage shall control.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale and shall be deposited with J. Patrick Kinhan, Esq., of Topsfield, Massachusetts

Other terms to be announced at the sale. JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of August 1, 2003 among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, Asset-Backed Funding Corp., Litton Loan Servicing LP and the Trustee, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-CB4 Present Holder of said Mortgage By Assignment of Mortgage by its Attorney-In-Fact J. PATRICK KINHAN, ESQ 15 Main Street Topsfield, MA 01983 (978) 887-4055

Dated April 5, 2004
April 8, 15 & 22, 2004

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul F. Savage to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated March 25, 2002 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6741, Page 194, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2004, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 Robandy Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Robandy Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot no. 3 on Plan entitled "Subdivision and Acceptance Plan, Owner Josephine E. Lumsden, Engineer Clinton F. Goodwin, December 1950". Said plan being recorded in North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 2387. Said premises being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Southerly one hundred eighty-three (183) feet by Robandy Road;

Westerly one hundred eighty-two and 62/100 (182.62) feet by lot no. 2 and land now or formerly of Remmes as shown on said plan;

Northerly one hundred twenty-one and 42/100 (121.42) feet by land of said Remmes as shown on said plan; and

Easterly one hundred sixty and 94/100 (160.94) feet by lot no. 4 as shown on said plan.

Containing 25,270 square feet, more or less, according to said plan.

Said premises are conveyed with the right of way over the whole of said Robandy Road for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the town of Andover. Said premises are conveyed subject to restrictions of record so far as now in force and applicable.

Subject to an easement to Lawrence Gas & Electric company recorded with said Registry of deeds at Book 739, Page 523 and 524.

For reference to title see deed of Peter W. McDavitt, et al recorded with said Registry of deeds in Book 3654 Page 74, and by deed of Paul F. Savage, et ux to this grantor of even date and record.

Subject to a sewer betterment assessment to the Town of Andover dated April 27, 1999 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6030, Page 180 in the original principal amount of \$17,300.00.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6741, Page 193.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC.

Present holder of said mortgage.

By its Attorneys
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Jessica Rodgers Esquire
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PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Highview LLC, for a Special Permit for Major Non-Residential Project, under Section 9.4.8 for the construction of a 11,427 sq. ft. office building with associated parking. The project is located at 69 Park Street, and more specifically identified as Lot 98 on Assessor's Map 39. The application Plan and associated documents may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Sat. 4/24, 9-1. No early birds.
Lots of toys, bikes,
and housewares

MERRIMAC, MA
Sat. 4/24, 8:30am-11am
27 Maple St.
(Off Church St.)
HUGE!!!!
Multi Family Yard Sale

METHUEN, MA 142 Forest
St., Fri. 4/23, 8am-12 noon,
Sat. 4/24, 8am-2pm. Mov-
ing sale. Household, collec-
tibles and antiques, much
more. Rain or shine.

METHUEN, MA
2 Abbey Road (off Forest
St.), Saturday, 4/24, 9am-
2pm. Something for every-
one plus baby items, holiday
decorations and more

METHUEN, MA 30 Kimball
Road, Sat. 4/24, 9am-12pm
HUGE MOVING SALE!!
Everything must go!
Furniture, antiques, elec-
tronics. Rain date Sunday

METHUEN, MA CLOSSON
COURT (off Lowell St.)
Multi family, 9am-1pm
Household, free point, as-
sorted tires, toys, baby
adult clothes, much more

METHUEN, MA
Fri. Sat. & Sun. 10am-3pm
Moving To Fla.
EVERYTHING MUST GO!
7 Olive St. (Off Swan)

METHUEN, MA
Sat 4/24, 9-1pm
(Roundabout, 425)
247 Jefferson Ave. (behind
Little Dorings Preschool)
Beenies, jewelry, kitchen
items, software, house-
wares, etc. NO EARLY
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Curzonville Ct. (like Pine-
hill Rd. to Hailsey Dr.) Gi-
ant sale - furniture, dishes,
household items. Sat. 4/24,
9-3. Rain date Sun. 4/25 9-3.

NEWBURYPORT, MA
Clothes Rummage & Nearly
New Sale - Unitarian Church,
26 Pleasant St., Friday, April
23, 6-7:30 p.m., Saturday,
April 24, 9 am-1:30 am.

NEWBURY, WEST, MA
18 Main St. (Rte 113)
Sat. 4/24, 8 am - 1 pm
Lots of baby items, furni-
ture, rare treasures,
& much more!

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Boston St., Indoor garage
sale, Sat. 4/24, 9-3am. Rain
or shine. Four Family Sale!
Old Pyrex, glass & china,
records & household items

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69 Fernview Heritage Green
Condominium #8
Sat. 4/24 from 10-12

NORTH ANDOVER, MA 895
Forest St., Sat. 4/24, 9-3
Lots of kitchen miscellane-
ous, some furniture, clothes,
tons of knick knacks & bas-
kets, silk flowers & more!!!!

PEABODY, MA Yard sale
Yard sale. Lots of different
stuff. Moving. Cleaning out
Sat. 4/24 starting at 9am.

2 Randall Road
PLAISTOW, NH, 5 Crane
Crossing Road, Saturday,
April 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mov-
ing sale. Sports equipment,
books, pictures, lamps, some
thing for everyone

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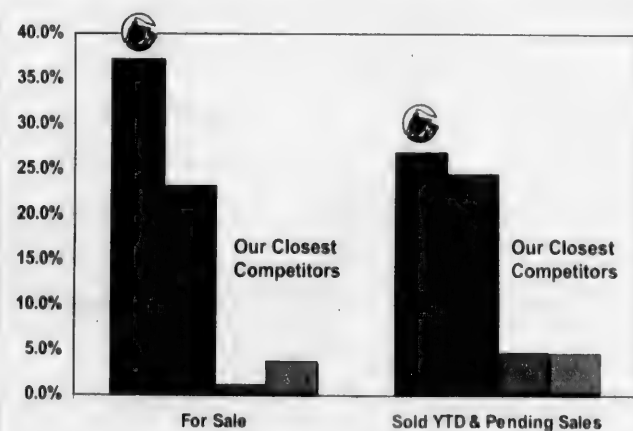
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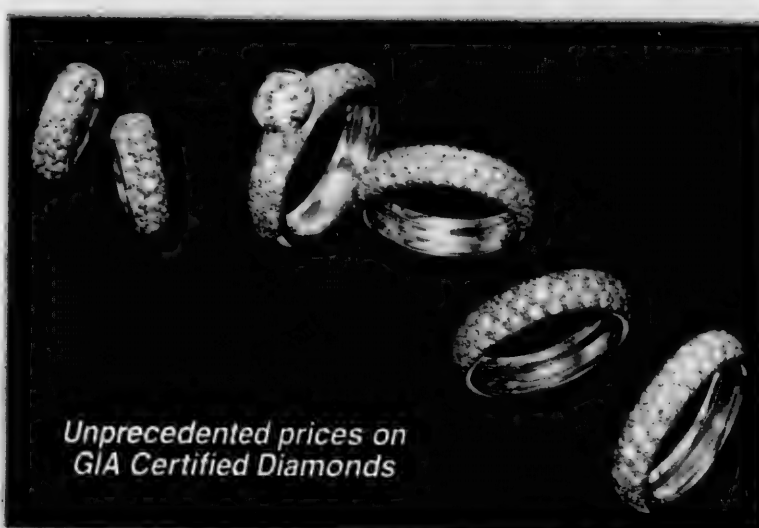
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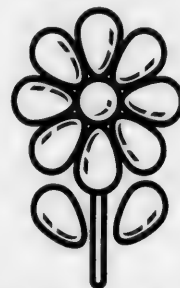
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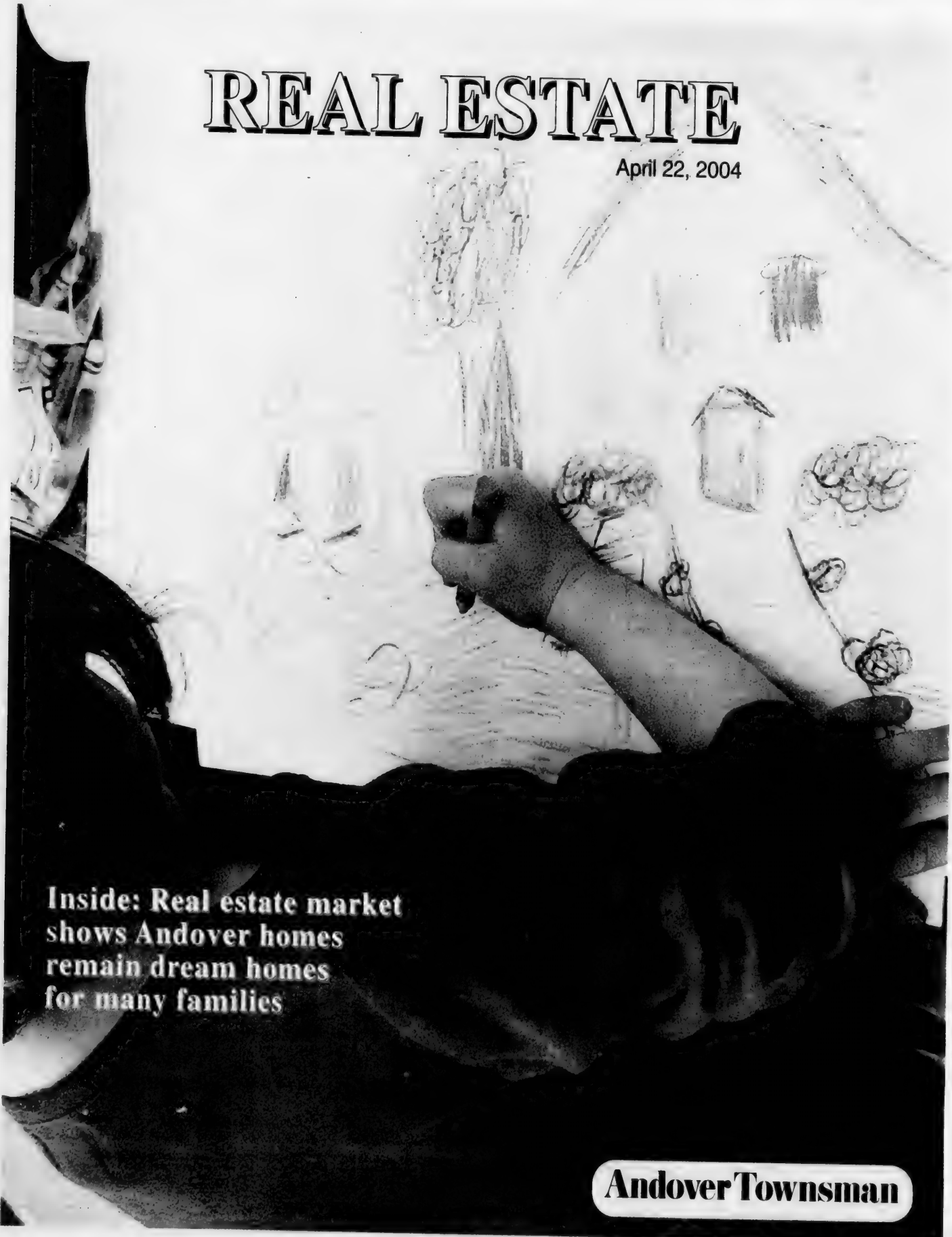
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**Inside: Real estate market
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Andover Townsman

Andover real estate valuations grow

By Alan Chitoff

No matter how poorly other investments have done recently, Andover residential real estate has remained a strong investment.

Statistics for town evaluations indicate that, in general, the value of residential properties has continued to climb. The average home for fiscal year 2003 had a valuation of \$497,800. Glances at sale prices for Andover homes confirm that homeowners looking to sell remain in a strong fiscal position.

While sale prices have continued to climb, residential properties have increased in assessed value by 9.6 percent from 2002 to 2003, according to Bruce Symmes, the town assessor.

Even including an off year in 2001 (when there was merely a modest 2.7-percent increase), the average value of single-family homes in Andover has increased steadily, averaging a 5.6-percent increase since 1999. (see chart of last 5 years growth on page 6). More than 31 percent of single-family homes in Andover are valued at between \$400,000 and \$500,000, surpassing the next categorical range by nearly 5 percent.

Commercial/Industrial

While residential property has remained strong, commercial and industrial property valuations, have actually declined in aggregate by 5.5 percent, according to Symmes. He attributes the decline to several instances of property re-valua-

tions in the past year, including Wyeth BioPharma. As another example, Symmes says the owners of the Brickstone facility requested that their property valuations decrease, after 350,000 square feet of leasing space was vacated by CMGI in 2002.

The aforementioned downturn in commercial tax revenues is one of the few real-estate indicators in Andover that the US economy at large has been struggling during the past few years.

Land

What about land values? Symmes says that land values have increased at least as much, if not more, than the average single-family home. He also added that there are few residential lots for sale. According to several of those involved in real estate, there is not a lot of open space for new residential real estate development. Town bylaws can also make it difficult to create new, affordable living space.

Affordability?

As open space for new homes disappears, new real estate development might take different forms than in the past. One of these forms might continue to be affordable housing developments created under Chapter 40B, also known as the state's anti-snob zoning law. This allows developers to put more units on a piece of land than might normally be allowed under town zoning rules. In exchange for making 25 percent of their units "affordable,"

developers can skirt some local zoning rules under Ch. 40B, in town's that have less than 10-percent affordable housing. Between its existing and approved affordable housing projects, Andover recently surpassed the 10-percent threshold.

But many middle-class people – including those who are downsizing, empty-nesters, and young singles who either grew up in Andover or would like to live here – still find it difficult to discover acceptable housing they can afford here.

"The big issue is affordability around here," says Tom Carroll, from Re/Max Partners on Park Street.

Chris Doherty, from Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors on Bartlet Street, agrees, and

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Ballardvale Crossings, one of new multi-family development projects in Andover.

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Tips for a smooth move

(NAPSI) – On the unofficial list of life's most stressful events, moving is bound to be in the Top 10. Apart from finding a new residence, having the utilities turned on and learning one's way around a new neighborhood, just the thought of facing all of the "stuff" accumulated over the years is enough to send one into a tailspin.

First-time movers do not have the advantage of learning from past mistakes and developing efficient ways to pack. There is no room for cutting corners when packing, as anyone who has ended up with a boxful of broken dishes or a punctured lampshade can attest. Follow these tips on packing properly, and learn the basics to keep the move stress-free:

Assess the mess – The first step is to take a complete inventory of one's belongings. Make a list of the items that will be needed immediately, and those that can stay packed for a while (i.e. if one is moving in the summer, those wooly winter sweaters will not be needed for a while). Also, take the time to discard items that only take up space, the things that have been accumulating dust and haven't been touched in years. Pack the items that will be needed readily first, and put them aside.

Research – It is amazing how many people will spend hours scouring the Internet for a new DVD system or computer package, but will take all of five minutes looking for a moving company. Investigate and receive quotes from a few different companies. Whenever possible, seek out recommendations from friends and family. This company will be responsible for one's most valuable possessions, so do not just go with the lowest price or fancy advertising. Also, if one is considering moving without professional assistance, keep in mind that professional moving trucks can transport a larger amount of belongings more efficiently, while extra trips, breakages and injury from heavy lifting could actually cost more in the long run.

It's all in the packaging – Be sure to purchase the proper containers for the job, and do not just raid the local supermarket dumpster for discarded boxes. Many boxes are just not strong enough for household items, and can have holes in the bottoms or lids. It is also a good idea to adequately line boxes with packing paper or bubble wrap, to doubly ensure that prized possessions will not end up broken and in the trash heap. Never pack a lampshade with any other item, as innocuous as it may seem, because one is just asking for puncture trouble. Also, do not over-pack boxes to save on the number needed for the move. The bottom of heavy boxes might drop out when lifted.

Possible roadblocks – Some things to watch out for: Do not ship aerosols or household chemicals in a moving truck, especially during warm months. Excessive heat could cause combustibles to explode. Also, keep an eye out for pets, such as cats. Feisty felines love to explore empty boxes, and can inadvertently end up packed away.

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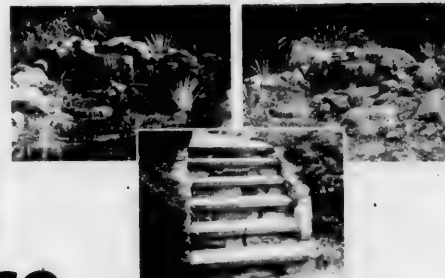
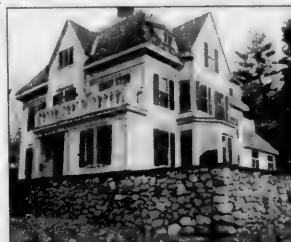
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Homeward bound

College grads are staying at home longer, unable to afford homes or apartments of their own

By Christopher Warren

A trend occurring around America is more people are living at home after graduating college. The adolescent years are lasting longer, increasing the phase of life by about four years. This has created a scenario where young adults are living with their parents longer. The rate has been increasing steadily over the past few years and it seems as if the pattern will continue. Cost of living, the economy, and the high unemployment rate are too much for the college graduates to handle. The 20-something crowd is evolving at a slower pace than it did 30 years ago. More high school graduates are going to college and their careers will develop and blossom later. This is the reality nowadays and it does not appear as if it is going to change any time soon.

Graduates are staying at home longer for different reasons. The main reasons tend to involve new graduates' financial situations. After graduating college, students are left with loans and small savings accounts. The

economy is not as strong as it was during the job boom of the mid to late '90s. With the current job deficit, it is harder for newly graduated college students to find a job and start gaining the earning power they need to live on their own. Renting or buying a place can be quite expensive in Massachusetts. This can prevent a person from going straight from college to living on their own and being independent.

Due to the job market, Wilson Mann of Andover has decided to further his education. "It's harder to find a job during this period of time. In theory, getting an education gives me better choices when I decide to take that next step into the working world. This will benefit me because it will enable me to move out when I finish school," he said.

Living at home has its perks: the occasional home-cooked meal, having one's laundry done from time-to-time, and the most important aspect, saving money. Once new graduates obtain jobs, they are allowed to put more

money into their bank accounts. There is no pressure of living paycheck to paycheck. "By living at home, I have money to go out and have fun. I am able to enjoy life rather than live on the financial edge," says John Rensink of Andover. This will allow people to spoil themselves every once in a while, because their income will not entirely be tied to paying various bills.

I have been an Andover resident for the past 24 years. I realize that when it is time to leave home I will not be living in Andover any longer due to the rising cost of housing in suburbs such as Andover.

Once my peers and I have financial backing, roommates to live with, and a plan, each person will be on their way to freedom and independence. Some people will find their direction faster than others, but each person will find their path eventually.

Christopher Warren is a recent college graduate who lives on 20 Timothy Drive in Andover.

The inside scoop on homeowner's insurance

(NAPSI) - Homeowner's insurance provides financial protection against disasters, insuring the home and everything in it. A basic home policy will cover the repair or rebuilding a home if it is damaged by fire, smoke, frozen pipes, ice or snow. (Damages caused by flood or earthquakes require separate policies.) To determine the cost of rebuilding one's home, factor in the style of the house, number of rooms, square footage, type of roof and type of exterior wall construction.

In the event of a theft, fire, hurricane or other disaster, possessions such as furniture, clothing and other personal items will also be covered. Expensive items like jewelry are covered, but only up to \$1,000 to \$2,000. (A special policy, called a floater, can cover their full value.)

To figure out how much coverage one needs, make a detailed list of everything owned and how much it costs. Most belongings can be insured for their cash value or their replacement cost.

A cash value policy pays the cost to replace one's belongings, minus depreciation. A replacement cost policy reimburses one for the cost to replace the item (which is usually about 10 percent more than the actual cash value).

Homeowner's policies also cover lawsuits for bodily injury that an individual or family members cause to other people, or damage caused by pets. If one is brought to court, the policy covers legal and court fees. Most policies provide a minimum of \$100,000 worth of liability insurance.

Policies also pay for living expenses if one is living away from home temporarily, while the home is being rebuilt after a fire, storm or other insured disaster. Coverage varies from company to company.

Mortgage lenders require that one purchases a minimum amount of homeowner's insurance, but ask an insurance agent or consult the state insurance department, the yellow pages, family and friends to be sure a particular policy has enough coverage.

Andover real estate market remains strong investment, despite economic uncertainties

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says that because there are precious few new, single-family home developments in town, more people are left to compete for a finite amount of houses.

"The issue is there is no multi-family zoning in Andover," says Carroll.

As developers stretch to create affordable housing, there

have been neighborhood disputes over what is appropriate for different areas of town. A Town Meeting article this year will call for future, multi-unit homes created in Single Residence A area to provide parking on the side and rear of the buildings. The goal is to prevent the paving of what are now front yards. Some conversions could involve creating parking lots that neighbors would not consider as

appropriate for the character of the neighborhood, say article supporters.

A neighborhood group called Protect Andover Zoning has been fighting the creation of AvalonBay, a Ch. 40B complex proposed for River Road.

Carroll points to the Ballardvale Crossing project as a successful example of such a Ch. 40B development. He says a run-down property near the

commuter-rail train station is being renovated and, when the project is complete, it should provide affordable units - and some tax revenues for the town.

"It (Chapter 40B) is a rigor-

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Preparing to buy a home? It can be a daunting task. But, if one is armed with the right questions, the process can be a little less painful.

Getting the right mortgage

(NAPSI) - As more and more people are waking up to the possibilities of realizing the American dream of homeownership, a few facts are becoming clear.

One fact many prospective homeowners should know, for instance, is that the best time to look for a mortgage is before one goes looking for a house. This is the best way to know exactly how much one can borrow and maximize one's negotiating power.

Remember, while the minimum down payment required depends on the mortgage program selected, at least 3 percent of the purchase price is usually required.

If having enough money to purchase a home is a concern, one may want to consider rolling the closing costs into either the interest rate or the loan amount. One will still need to come up with money for the down payment, but this will help reduce the amount of additional money that is needed to close.

One should also understand how credit is calculated for prospective homeowners. The annual percentage rate, or APR, is a measure of the cost of credit, expressed as a yearly rate. To determine the APR, lenders consider the interest rate on the mortgage loan, the term of the loan and other loan fees, such as closing costs, points, and so forth. When comparing loan programs based on APR, make sure to ask each lender the criteria for determining the APR.

The monthly payment is calculated based on the mortgage note rate, not the APR. The APR will be higher than the interest rate, especially if one is paying any points.

Points are a percentage of the loan amount paid at closing that affect the interest rate. For instance, on a \$90,000 loan, 1 point equals 1 percent or \$900.

How it works is, if one pays points, one buys down the rate. Alternatively, in exchange for a higher rate, the lender pays points to offset the buyer's closing costs. These are considered negative points.

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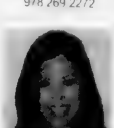
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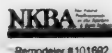
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Know what to look for and what questions to ask when preparing to buy a home

(TF) - Gearing up to buy a home can be exciting and intimidating. It is a huge personal and financial commitment. But, despite this, people overcome their nerves and rise to the challenge.

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the rate of American homeownership was more than two-thirds during 2000 - the highest rate ever.

Purchasing a home is not a difficult process, but one will have to give time, energy, and, of course, money to the process.

These tips from HUD might make preparing to buy a home seem a bit less scary:

IN THE BEGINNING

There are many questions one should ask when considering purchasing a home. Assess financials: make sure one has a steady source of income, good credit and money saved, for both a down payment and monthly mortgage.

Determine housing needs in advance: make a list of priorities - where one would like the house to be located (near a school or job), how large, what type of home one wants. Set a minimum list of what the home must have, and a wish list of what to have but don't consider essential. One can even get some ideas online on a Web site like www.owners.com, a national database of homes for sale by owners.

As one visits homes, make a checklist to see if all the homes have sufficient bedrooms, bathrooms, storage space and room for the furniture. If one sees potential problems or maintenance issues, ask the seller or

agent about it. Most homebuyers see an average of 15 homes before making an offer.

MORTGAGES 101

A mortgage is usually used to purchase a home. Simply put, a mortgage is a legal claim on the property that secures promise to pay the debt. Mortgage payments are affected by the amount of the down payment, size of the loan, interest rate, length of repayment term and payment schedule.

Choose the lender carefully: ask friends, family and one's real estate agent for recommendations. The type of loan one gets depends on lifestyle, budget, spending habits and income throughout the loan period, and how long one plans to stay in the home.

A long-term Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) of 5 years or longer is good, if one's income is fixed or expected to decline. ARMs start with an initial lower interest rate, though the monthly payment fluctuates based on the market (there is a cap on how much the interest can go up or down). A short-term ARM of 3 or fewer years is good, if one expects income to increase.

If one wants the lowest monthly payment and will be in the home for more than 5 years, look into a fixed-term mortgage, if income is fixed or expected to decline. Because the monthly payment is predictable, it makes budgeting easier. Or, try a short or long-term ARM, if income is expected to rise. But, remember, the sooner one repays the loan, the more one will save in interest payments.

CLOSING

After one has applied for the



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Taking the time to ask many questions in the beginning will pay off in the end.

loan, the lender will review the application. If the loan is approved, a closing date is set and one will be able to move in. Make sure there is enough money set aside for closing costs. These can include the appraisal fee, taxes, credit reporting charge, deed recording fee and other costs. During the final walk through, make sure that any problems with the property have been fixed.

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Finding cash to buy a home

(NAPSI) — For the many prospective homeowners who are lost in a welter of ARMS, FRMs, caps, bridge loans, PITIs and balloon payments, here are a few facts on financing that may help.

For starters, it is helpful to know that an ARM (adjustable-rate mortgage) is a loan with an interest rate that is periodically adjusted to reflect changes in a specified financial index.

A FRM is a fixed-rate mortgage, a home loan with an interest rate that will remain at a 'fixed' or 'steady' rate for the term of the loan. About 75 percent of all home mortgages have fixed rates.

A balloon payment, alas, is not nearly as much fun as it sounds. It is the final lump sum payment due at the end of a balloon mortgage. On the other hand, PITI is not as pathetic as it sounds. PITI stands for "Principal, Interest, Taxes, Insurance." When a buyer applies for a loan, the lender will calculate the principal, interest, taxes and insurance. The figure is designed to represent the borrower's actual monthly mortgage and related expenses.

As for caps and bridges, they have nothing to do with teeth. A cap is a limit on how much the interest rate on an ARM loan can change in an adjustment period, or over the life of the loan. For example, if one's adjustment cap is 1 percent, and one's current rate is 6 percent, then the new rate will be

between 5 and 7 percent. A cap payment is a limit to how much monthly payments on an ARM can change at each adjustment period. A bridge loan, also known as a swing loan, allows a borrower to get financing for a new house, before his present house is sold. In this case, the present home is used as collateral.

Other terms it may pay for one to understand include:

Adjustment period: The amount of time between interest-rate adjustments in an adjustable-rate mortgage.

Amortization: The process of paying the principal and interest on a loan through regularly scheduled installments.

Compound interest: The interest paid on the principal balance in a mortgage and on the accrued and unpaid interest of the loan.

Estimated tax savings: The amount of tax a renter would save by owning a home based on property taxes and interest paid.

Mortgage-interest deduction: The tax write-off the IRS allows most owners to claim for interest paid on real estate loans.

Variable rate mortgage: A loan with an interest rate that hinges on factors, such as the rate paid on bank certificates and Treasury bills.

When interest rates are volatile, borrowers may be able to "lock in" an interest rate. Lenders who oblige may limit the time the lock-in is in effect.

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Does buying always beat renting?

by Liz Pulliam Weston
MSN Money Expert

(NAPSI) - President George Bush's 2003 tax cuts did more than put some money back in people's wallets. For many people, it also reduced, and, in some cases, eliminated the tax benefit they got from owning a home.

That certainly was not the intent of the legislation. But, by lowering tax brackets and, more importantly, boosting the standard deduction for married couples filing jointly, it was the result. However, that shouldn't cause one to shelve plans to buy a house.

House hoppers won't get all of the benefit. Every time one changes homes, about 10 percent of the value is lost to selling and moving costs.

Out-of-control spenders can still lose. If one drains off every dollar in appreciation through home equity loans and lines of credit, one is not building wealth.

Also, home prices don't always appreciate; sometimes they plateau, or even decline.

How one can win by owning?

One is most likely to win by owning, rather than renting, if the following are true:

- One plans to stay put at least 3 years and preferably more. In most markets, it can take 3 to 6 years for a home to appreciate enough to offset the costs of selling and moving.

- One is psychologically prepared. Home ownership means dealing with whatever comes up, from noisy neighbors to clogged plumbing. One cannot

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Collective ownership: Understanding townhouses, condos and co-ops

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(MS) - Home ownership is a goal that many aspire to reach. Fed up with the renting scene, thousands of people each year consult their local newspaper or real estate offices to find their dream home.

In 2003, close to 2,000 new homes were purchased across the country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That number doesn't even account for the number of yearly resales. Even with inflated home prices, it seems that real estate remains a booming business.

However, there are some who are hesitant to purchase a home because they are weary of the upkeep and responsibility sur-

rounding ownership. But, there are solutions for those who desire minimal maintenance responsibilities: townhouses, condominiums and cooperatives. Often the terms are used interchangeably, but there are distinct differences between these types of dwellings. If one is interested in this type of ownership, keep in mind the following information:

TOWNHOUSES

Townhouses are usually a series of single story or multi-story units that are linked to each other, often horizontally by common walls. Some even have attached garages or driveways. Townhouse owners hold title to

their units and the land beneath them, so the units cannot be stacked on top of each other. Owners are responsible for the upkeep of the interior and exterior structure. Common areas like recreation areas, pools and sports courts are owned jointly by all townhouse owners. In addition, owners pay property taxes on their individual units.

A property owners' association usually manages the townhouse complex, and collects fees from all owners to maintain common areas. Depending upon the association, snow removal, lawn care and garbage disposal are often covered by the maintenance fees. When browsing real

estate listings, look for the terminology fee simple, which will denote a homeowner's association ownership and confirm that one is purchasing a townhouse property.

CONDOMINIUMS

Condominiums are similar to townhouses, but have some striking differences. An individual condo owner only holds title to the condominium unit, not the land beneath the unit, so condos

can be stacked on top of each other. (Although some condominiums are designed to look exactly like townhouses, you still do not own the land beneath your unit.)

All condo owners share title to common areas. Common areas include land, the exterior of buildings, hallways, roofs, swimming pools - any area used

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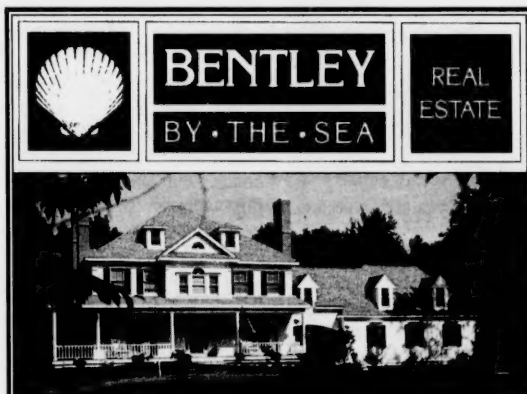
Benefits of ownership

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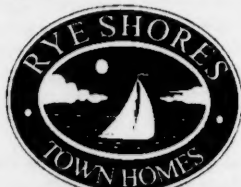
just pack up and move as easily as when renting, or call the landlord for help.

• One has some extra savings. Home buyers who spend every dime they have buying a house inevitably get blindsided by repairs, maintenance and all the other costs of owning a home. Smart home buyers make sure they have an amount in savings at least equal to two mortgage payments after the deal closes, and preferably much more.



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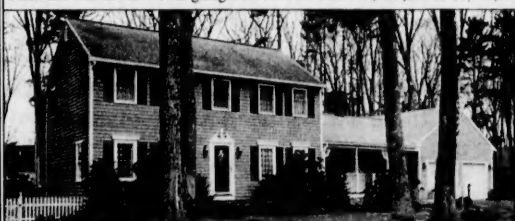
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10A Buying a home of distinction

(NAPSI) — If one is planning — or even just dreaming — of buying a luxury home, or second home, there could be good news.

There are real estate professionals who specialize in fine homes and estates, and who can recognize the unique sense of style and taste that a luxury home can represent. These professionals understand that luxury home buyers are looking for a home reminiscent of their own signature style, and they know how to help their customers get the homes they want.

One recommendation is to get pre-approved for a mortgage, or second mortgage. This process can often be done in under an hour, and it accomplishes two important goals: it will tell one how much house is affordable and what the estimated monthly payments would be; it tells the seller that one can afford to buy their home.

By definition, a pre-approved buyer generally has an approved mortgage subject to an appraisal of the property. Many times, a buyer can use this pre-approved status as leverage during the negotiation process.

There are many terms one should know when looking for a mortgage for a high-end home. Some options include super jumbo, a really big loan, an Interest-Only ARM, which lets one pay interest only for the first several years of the loan. If one is self-employed, a SELPH loan might be a good option, which provides the convenience of



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Pay special attention to mortgages, especially when considering the purchase of a high-end home.

reduced documentation.

Another tip is to make sure to look at all aspects of the property when comparing homes. Questions to ask include:

Is the property tax approximately the same?

Are both houses renovated to the same degree?

Do they both have the same number of bed and bathrooms?

Are both houses located on the same or similar streets?

Does either house have any encumbrances?

Once one finds a home, the next step might be to make an offer. This can be a trying time, since both parties have different goals. In fact, it may be better to have a third party, such as a real estate professional, negotiate the offer. If one does have any personal interaction with the homeowner, he or she should not give out any information about the move, current housing status, financial status or any feelings about the property.

Understanding types of collective homeownership

■ CONDOS

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by multiple owners. Like townhouses, condominium owners pay property taxes on their individual units, as well as fees to the property owners' association. Generally, condominium owners are responsible for less maintenance than townhouse owners. For example, many condo association fees will cover exterior repairs like a new roof, windows, etc. Condo fees can be higher than townhouse fees.

COOPERATIVES

If property is a cooperative arrangement, title to all associat-

ed real estate is held by a corporation. Buyers purchase stock in the co-op corporation and are considered shareholders, not owners of real property. Each shareholder holds a lease to his unit that runs for the life of the corporation.

Taxes are paid by the corporation. Any mortgages are normally held and paid by the corporation. All costs to operate the building, including building and common area maintenance are shared by shareholders. New cooperative shareholders must usually be approved by an administrative board. Cooperative ownership is not common in most states.

Can one really 'beat the market'?

(NAPSI) — In the last five years, real estate has outperformed the stock market, inflation, money market funds and bonds. With home sales reaching record levels due to lower interest rates, everyone wants a piece of the real estate pie.

The following tips are just a few options to help one begin the journey on the road to financial success in real estate.

Scout for foreclosure properties. A foreclosure occurs when the property owner fails to make payments on a loan that is secured by a mortgage. If the loan amount is less than the property's market value (as is often the case), the home will be sold below market. This presents a unique opportunity for investors to buy properties at a lower cost.

Call on Uncle Sam. The Department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD) administers housing and community development programs. HUD promotes home ownership by insuring loans that meet its underwriting criteria, making it easier for everyone to invest in real estate. Lenders are more likely to provide home loans knowing that they are protected against loan defaults.

Consider condos. Recently, condos began appreciating in value at more than double the rate of detached single-family resale homes. National survey data shows that the median price of a resale condo was up 15.1 percent from a year earlier, while single-family homes were up 7.4 percent. Remember, before investing in a condo, check the homeowners association's reserve fund, since a healthy fund promises that one will not be slapped with any special assessments.

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Stylish entryway: a cost-effective way to enhance one's home.

Replacing entryway adds value

(MS) – If one is looking to add value to their home, without spending a lot of money and without drastic construction or remodeling, a new entry system might be a viable option.

Recent research from Therma-Tru, a door manufacturer, found that an enhanced entryway can add as much as 24 thousand dollars to a home's perceived value, approximately 5 times the cost of the entry system. There are few other upgrades to a home that deliver this kind of return on investment. In addition, the study found that 60 percent of individuals who replaced their front entry doors did it to improve the appearance of their homes.

DESIGN OPTIONS

Where many doors used to be wood or steel, today's best choice for style and performance might be fiberglass. Fiberglass will not rot, warp or peel like wood, and requires minimal maintenance. It also provides thermal protection, and offers unlimited possibilities for styles and finish options.

Before any door is selected, one needs to determine what design possibilities are locked behind the walls of the home. First, check the opening of the doorway to see what the home can accommodate structurally. Next, measure the height and width of the frame, to determine the current opening. Most single doors are 3 feet wide and 6 feet

8 inches tall. But, some of today's most popular doors are now 3 feet 6 inches wide and 8 feet tall, so one may need to enlarge the door opening.

UPGRADING

One can upgrade an existing door by adding sidelites with decorative glass, which provides curb appeal and new light for the home's interior. One might need to work with a contractor to remove some of the drywall and create a new larger opening, which will need to be three quarter inch wider and a half inch taller than the size of the door. One can generally find the specific rough opening requirements in the manufacturer's catalog or Web site.

Income one can count on might come from mortgage obligations

*(NAPSI) – An increasing number of investors are finding they can reap a dependable monthly income through outstanding mortgages. How? Mortgage-backed debt is currently the largest outstanding United States debt market, some \$5.2 trillion of the \$22.6 trillion outstanding in bond debt, according to the Bond Market Association.

An investment as small as \$1,000 can lead to years of monthly income through what is known as Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs). These offer a unique opportunity for income, relative safety and attractive yield compared to other, similar quality investments. At the same time, mortgage investments play a significant role in increasing the availability of funds for housing, and in improving housing affordabil-

ity for everyone by attracting investment capital.

CMOs are created by grouping home mortgages into pools. Investors buy an interest in them, and, as the mortgage holders pay the principal and interest, the investors get a portion of the payments. Both government agencies and private issuers offer CMOs. The investment is secured by home mortgages.

A typical collateral group is structured into 10 or 20 different classes. Each class can have a different coupon, expected average life and cash flow schedule. This unique structure lets the issuer transform a pool of 30-year mortgages into a series of bonds, each designed to meet the need of a different investor group.

Each month, as the cash comes in, the trustee distributes the interest and principal to the

classes based on a predetermined set of rules. Some classes may get both principal and interest, while others get interest only for some time. The yield and average life of each class will fluctuate, depending on changes in interest rates and the rate at which homeowners prepay the underlying mortgages.

Because CMOs have an implied AAA credit quality, the primary risk to investors is not "credit risk" but "cash-flow" risk. The main uncertainty is how fast the mortgages will be paid off. If interest rates fall, homeowners are more likely to refinance, so investors may get their principal back sooner than expected. If interest rates rise, the payoff may come later than expected. In general, the issuer guarantees that principal will be repaid, but cannot guarantee the timing of that repayment.

Fortunately, CMOs are available in a variety of average lives and with varying sensitivity to changes in prepayment speeds, allowing investors to choose the class that best meets their investment objectives. As with bonds, the greater the risk, the higher the yield.

Most CMOs sold to individual investors are available in \$1,000 denominations. Mortgage securities dealers execute CMO transactions over-the-counter. Transactions are done at a net cost which includes the dealer's profit.

If one is considering investing in CMOs, some questions to

ask include the following:

What is the credit rating?
What denominations are available?

What is the anticipated average life?

When will the investment principal and interest be returned?

How might the term of the investment vary as interest rates move up or down?

What type of CMO is appropriate, if one does not need current income?

CMOs are complex securities and are not suitable for all investors.

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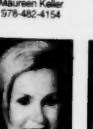
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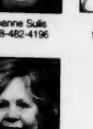
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